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"Children's children are the crown of old men;
and the glory of children are their fathers."

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Dedicated to my husband
William Sloss vanFossen, M.D.;
to our children and grandchildren;
and to all who cherish the name of vanFossen.

PREFACE

It may be of interest to members of the vanFossen family to know how this history came to be written. About 1930, I had nearly finished the compilation of my own family line back to the many emigrant ancestors who came to America in the period from the early 1600s to 1830 and whose descendants had converged on me. Genealogy is a fascinating study and I wanted to continue working on it for the benefit of my husband's family and our five children. My objective was to trace the vanFossen line back to the emigrant ancestor.

My husband knew his grandfather was William. And he thought his great-grandfather was Abner. That was the extent of the information with which I started.

I began by writing to the oldest members of his family —usually his aunts, since women as a rule are more apt to preserve family history, traditions and keepsakes. Eventually, I progressed one step by learning that his great-grandfather was Nathan—not Abner—and had lived in Duncannon, Pennsylvania.

Next, I wrote to every vanFossen whose name I could find in telephone books, city directories, or newspapers. This idea expanded later to the extent of copying all the addresses found in the large collection of city directories in the Columbus Chamber of Commerce. I got names of vanFossens from New York to San Francisco; from Minneapolis to New Orleans. To each I wrote, "I am trying to learn who were the parents of Nathan vanFossen of Duncannon, Pa." The answers came back; "I do not know anything about Nathan, but I am enclosing the records of *my* family." Each letter was saved and filed in a large envelope with the name of the state from which it had come. Later, the records were filed by counties.

A genealogist in Carlisle, Pa., (the county seat of Cumberland County—later cut off as Perry—where Duncannon is located) was retained but no proof of Nathan's parentage could be found though there were deeds for properties he had

owned. Then a genealogist, Mr. Edward W. Hocker of Germantown, Pa., was engaged to do research in the early records of Philadelphia County, since the name of an Arnold vanFossen was found in the history of the founding of Germantown and also in Rupp's "30,000 Names of Emigrants." Mr. Hocker came to the conclusion, after long hours of delving in the church and court house records, that Nathan was descended from the Emigrant Arnold, through Arnold Jr. and Arnold III. The latter had disappeared from the Pennsylvania records, while a man by that name had been listed in the 1790 census in Frederick County, Maryland. But he could find no *proof*, and that is what a genealogist must have.

About this time I learned of a periodical, "The Perkiomen Region," which was being published by people who were vitally interested in the genealogy and history of that section of Pennsylvania. It should be explained that the region west of Philadelphia, where the early vanFossen settlers lived, was drained by the Perkiomen River, a tributary of the Schuykill, while Skippack Creek was in turn, a tributary of the Perkiomen which it joined in Providence Township.

I subscribed to the "Perkiomen Region" and in the contents found many references to the vanFossen family. The principal genealogist who was furnishing this material, was Dr. Ralph L. Johnson of Upper Darby, a professor in Girard College, Philadelphia. In his research, he had accumulated records which made quite a complete picture of the VF family of the early days, and was, himself, a descendant from a vanFossen on both his father's and mother's sides. He sold me his data on the family, and I was able later to give him my husband's family line, which he included in his book, "Genealogical Studies of Some Providence Families," published in 1934.

An important link in our own family line was forged by Dr. Johnson when he found a deed in Philadelphia County, showing that two sons of Arnold, Jr.—Henry and Arnold III—had gone to Perry County and bought claims for timber land and Ezra vF had signed as a witness. Many years later, another son, Amos, had identified the signatures as those of his father Arnold, and brother Ezra. (See Chapter 6.)

Still searching for names of VFs to whom I might write regarding the parentage of Nathan, I found the name of Miss

Rena Rae VF of PawPaw, Michigan in one of the D. A. R. Lineage Books. I wrote to her, and she replied that she had many old papers of her father's stored away, and as soon as she had time, would hunt them up. Before long I heard from her again, and she enclosed a letter written in 1850 by William VF of Spring Lake, Williams County, Ohio to her father, Isaac W. VF. In this letter was the proof, so long sought, that Nathan was the son of Arnold III of Philadelphia County, Pa. and Frederick County, Maryland. (See copy of this letter, Chapter 9.)

Thus my first objective was accomplished—to trace the VF line back to the emigrant ancestor. With the line from the Emigrant Arnold traced *down* to Arnold III by Mr. Hocker and Dr. Johnson, and the line from our generation traced *back* to this same Arnold III, we felt it would not be complete unless we made an effort to find out where Arnold Senior had lived in Europe and who his ancestors were. Many VF families had written that their people had told them that they were *Dutch*, and usually added something about "three brothers had come to America together, but had become separated"—and they knew nothing about the families of the others.

For the research in Holland, we engaged Mr. Jurriaan vanToll of The Hague, whose name we had found in a list of genealogists in America and Europe. Mr. vanToll took the greatest interest in this commission, and searched all the likely sources of information which his wide experience as a genealogist and historian with the Royal Library, could suggest. He sent to libraries in Germany and Luxembourg for the loan of genealogical books (he reads seven languages). He placed queries or "Prize questions" as they are called, in the genealogical magazines and newspapers of towns where he thought information might be found, saying he was looking for records connected with the family of Arnold van-Vossen, who had emigrated to America either in 1683 or 1700, and offering a suitable reward or "prize" for satisfactory answers. The information he gained will be found in Chapter 1.

The "Prize Question"—Preisfrage.

"VOSSEN. Ich suche Urkunden und Ascendenz des Arnold (van) Vossen, wahrscheinlich Rheinlander Mennonit, zwichen 1684-1700 nach

Germantown (Amerika) ausgewandert, aus Crefeld (1684) oder Hamburg-Altona (1700). Zahle gerne guten Preis, nach Vereinbarung, wenn Anshluss erweiser Scheint Haag (Holland) Willemstraat 47, Jurriaan vanToll, genealogist."

"VOSSEN. I am seeking for public acts on Arnold (van) Vossen, and his ancestors. He was probably a Mennonite of the Rhinelands, who went to Germantown, America, between 1684-1700, out of Crefeld (1684) or Hamburg-Altona, 1700. I am willing to pay a good reward, if connection can be proved, (signed) Jurriaan vanToll, Willemstraat 47, s' Gravenhage, Holland."

Mr. vanToll continued this research until the impending World War II closed the borders and the mail service between Germany and the other European countries. The last letter we received from him at that time told us that he and his family had abandoned their possessions and were ready to flee on foot before the invading Germans, with only what food and clothing they could carry.

By this time I had accumulated so many VF family records from the letters and questionnaires I had sent out, that it seemed they should be preserved in some way. Almost without exception, the people I had contacted were very much interested in the VF family history and had often asked me to tell them more about their own line. Much of this data could never again be compiled as some of my correspondents, even now, had passed away since I had started the search for the parents of Nathan VF. So the project of making a history of the vanFossen family in America took shape.

I want to call attention to the identification system used in this genealogy by giving a number to each individual who was *born* with the name of vanFossen. Besides the more than fourteen hundred numbered members of the family, there are many names picked up from time to time whose place in the family could not be determined except by more research than time would permit. Included in these unclassified names are many birth, marriage, and death records in the Probate Court offices and deeds in the Recorders' offices of all the Ohio counties where the vanFossen families settled. Pennsylvania and Maryland also contain many of these unclassified names in their county offices. Undoubtedly some of the counties in the states farther west would also

yield valuable information on the relationship of the vanFossens who lived there.

A vanFossen descendent who does not find his family line in this genealogy, may be able to work it out through these county records by making the necessary research, or through the services of a professional genealogist.

I should like to thank—

The many busy farmers, farm wives and housewives who collected the records from their scattered branches—many times without the benefit of telephones, where personal visits were required;

The business men who took time out to write to their elderly relatives to get every scrap of information they could recall from the past;

The professional men and women who likewise did everything possible to collect the records of their branches and to help solve the genealogical puzzles so often present;

The many people who entrusted to me their treasured newspaper clippings of long ago;

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Chapter I

THE EUROPEAN BACKGROUND

"Foss" and "Voss" were old personal names in Germanic countries, meaning "fox." They were given to persons whose complexions, hair, or habits resembled those of a fox. Locality also figured in the nomenclature as "He who lives at or near the foxtown." Probably the original form was "Vosheim." This patrician family of "Vossen" and "van (or de) Vossen" is found in Aix la Chapelle (Aachen), Germany and the surrounding country-side since the 13th century. Near Valkenburg (now in Limburg, Holland) there exists the Vossenhof—"Home of the Foxes"—and it is almost certain that this was the family manor. Ruins of a Castle vanFossen are found in Utrecht province, Holland. Three different families by the name of Vossen or vanVossen have been found in Holland and a fourth in Flanders, each having their own coat-of-arms. J. B. Rierstrap gives the following:

vanFossen, Holland—D'argent a; bande d'azur ch.d'un coeur d'argent et de deux etioles d'or lede coeur pase 'en barre; la bande cotoyee de deux renards de Gu. curants dans la sens de la bande.

VanFossen, Holland—Shield of ~~blue~~ silver; blue band, on the band a silver heart and two golden stars; on either side of the band a red fox, seeming to run under the band.

In 1905 some of the American vanFossens engaged Ivan Lavretsky, a genealogist, to do some research on the family, and in a letter dated Berlin, Dec. 4, 1905 he says:

> I have found some trace of the family in The Hague where the name in the early half of the 18th century appears as "De la Fosse" and there are indications that they were originally from French Flanders —probably Huguenots who settled in Holland in time of persecution. "vanFossen" without doubt is a Dutch corruption of the French "de la Fosse." It is my opinion that Arnold vanVossen was from Amsterdam or Rotterdam. This is about all I can find to send you. I can find nothing positive in regard to it.

In 1932 the author and husband contacted a Dutch genealogist, Mr. Jurriaan vanToll of The Hague, and later en-

gaged him to see what he could find on the ancestry of Arnold vanVossen of Germantown, Pa. He was not able to find the information we hoped for—records to prove the parentage of Arnold—but below are the most probable genealogies. What history of the family he found is all from the aristocratic sources. As only faithful Catholics were able to take seats in the Town Councils and the Protestant and Mennonite members are not mentioned, the records are very fragmentary.

A definite pedigree in Aix la Chapelle, compiled from the town lists and civic and Catholic registers begins: "There were two brothers—"

I Servatius Vossen, b. about 1560. He m. about 1590, Katharina Bungarts. He was a Protestant but afterward returned to the Catholic Church. Their ch. were:

1 Elizabeth, baptized Lutheran, 3-9-1598.
2 Kasper, bap. 22-3-1605 at the Catholic Church of St. Folian. He d. at Aix, Sept. 1622.
3 Katharina, bap. Catholic, 18-7-1608.
4 Esther, bap. Catholic, 24-10-1610.

II Balthaser Vossen, a citizen at Aix la Chapelle, m. Mergan ———. Their children were:

1 Servatius, bap. 14-8-1616 at the Catholic St. Folian. He m. Agnes ———. Their ch.—all bap. at St. Folian—were:
  A—Elgen, bap. 17-5-1644.
  B—Maria, bap. 5-11-1647.
  C—Johann, bap. 4-5-1649.
  D—Katharina, bap. 22-1-1654.
  E—Servatius, Jr.
  F—Heinrich, m. Maria Crum.

The records of this family are not complete and it is quite probable that *Arnold of Germantown* was also a son of Servatius and Agnes. The fact that the name of "Sybilla" was given to the first daughter in *Arnold's* family, in Johann Leonard's, and in Anton Lambert's, and that the name of (Johann) Leonard is found in both families, adds considerable weight to this supposition.

Servatius Jr. m. 12-1-1679, Katharina Lamberts at Aix la Chapelle.

Children

1 Johann Leonard, bap. 10-5-1680 at Aix la Chapelle.
2 Peter, bap. 1682; d. young.

3 Anton Lambert, bap. 25-10-1684; m. Anna Maria Souss.
4 Maria Agnes, bap. ———; m. Arnold Hoverath.
5 Stephen, bap. ———; m. Maria Hiep at Aix.

Children

A—Johann Friedrich Silvester, bap. 31-12-1708.
B—Johann Peter, bap. 14-5-1710.

Johann Leonard (*above*) m. Gertrud Sourdt. He was Secretary of the Vogtmajor at Aix la Chapelle.

Children

1 Anna Maria Sybilla, bap. 1712.
2 Johann Matthias, bap. 1713.
3 Anna Katharina Gertrud, bap. 1714.
4 Johann Franz, bap. 1716.
5 Juliana Maria Katharina Theresia, bap. 1718.
6 Maria Elizabeth, bap. 1719.

It is probable that all their ch. died young, as after his death in 1723, his brothers and sisters asked for half of his heritage and the widow complied, 2-10-1723.

Ch. of Heinrich and Maria Crum Vossen:
1 Johann Heinrich, bap. 5-3-1684.
2 Agnes, bap. 18-6-1686.
3 Heinrich Jr. bap. 2-6-1689—all at Aix la Chapelle.

Ch. of Anton Lambert and Anna Maria Vossen:
1 Lucie, bap. 22-1-1720.
2 Sybilla Gertrud, bap. 22-1-1720.
3 Johann Balthasar, bap. 19-5-1723.
4 Katharina Elizabeth, bap. 18-5-1725.
5 Johann Jakob, bap. 12-3-1730.

An interesting historical incident concerns a descendant of one of these brothers. As there are lapses in the church records, Mr. vanToll could not be certain which family—Servatius or Balthaser—this man is descended from.

Johann Josef Andreas Vossen, bap. Aix La Chapelle, 8-4-1758, m. 1789, Anna Maria Adelheid Helene Esser; he d. 5-8-1845. Doctor of Law; Councillor; Townsyndic 1797-8; member of the French Provincial Gov't; 1803; Avoué at the Court of Justice, Aix la Chapelle; member of the Freemasons Lodge, Zur Bestaendigkeit from 5-7-1794; and from 1821 to 1823 Master of assembled Masonic Lodges of Aix la Chapelle. In 1794 he saved his native town from disaster by the French army. He went to hostile headquarters at Hervé to speak with the famous General Jourdan. At first it seemed impossible to get any help, but at one moment Col. Mariéte who

was on the staff of Gen. Jourdan, entered and recognizing Vossen, told his Commander that he was saved by him in 1793 when he was wounded and a fugitive. Vossen had hidden him in the building of the Lodge and helped him escape, disguised as a monk. This scene was pictured by Prof. Arthur Kampf and the Vossen family afterward donated the picture to the Suermondt Museum at Aix la Chapelle.

Mr. vanToll carried the records of descendants of the above families down as far as 1907 but these descendants, born after Arnold and his family left Luxembourg, are not directly connected with our history and are not included in the "vanFossen Family in America."

Researches in Dutch historical books give the following names, dates, and stories—but no definite connection with Arnold vanVossen has been established. On the other hand, some of them may be his ancestors.

One of the names found in the records at Aix la Chapelle was Arnoldus, dictum Vulpes, who signed a charter in 1308.

Wolterus von Vosheim, also written Vossen and Vossem, a knight and son of Alexander, is mentioned in 1325, 1331, and on Nov. 25, 1342 when he was a witness with Duke Reynald II of Guildres. (Zeitscrift des Aachener Geschichtsvereins, v XI, p 13; v XII,205; v XVI,64)

A Knight vanVossen without Christian name is mentioned in 1420. (Ibid, v VI p 148.)

A descendant of these knights was Nicholas vanVossen, Abbott of Corneliemuenster, a famous cloister near Aix la Chapelle.

Gerardus vanVossen was a priest at Geul 1427 to 1443.

Gerlach vanVossen married about 1430, Precla deBrede. She lived as a widow at their Castle Baerle in 1447.

Gerrit Vossen possessed a manor near Lonsaecken. (Deed of 29-3-1492.) (Dates written in this way give the day-month-year: 29th of March, 1492.)

Simon Vossen was a priest at Jabeek in 1595.

Simon Vossen was burgomaster at Echt in 1644.

Peter Vossen was a priest at Broekhuizervoort in 1690.

A romantic story of 1406 concerns a Knight vanVossen who killed in a fight, Sir Arnold from the Seigneurs of Wachtendonk, the last of his name. He was imprisoned in

the castle of Wachtendonk but as he was young and handsome, the daughter of Sir Arnold, who was also his heiress, fell in love with the prisoner and married him. But she had been promised to a son of the Duke of Cleves, and there was a very serious little war between the Clevians and the Wachtendonkers before the young lovers could have their honeymoon.

In the war between Spain and France for possession of the Spanish Netherlands, Jean Baptiste vanFossen, a native of the Duchy of Luxembourg, captain of a company of Cuirassiers, was enobled for services rendered, by letters of the Spanish King Philippe IV, Apr. 22, 1654. (Nobilitaire des Pays-Bas, et du Comté deBurgoyne, by the Count of Herchenrode, Louvain, 1760; v 1, p 328.)

Another Dutch authority states: The name was known in Province of Gelderland, Holland in the cities of Arnheim, Utrecht, and Nymagen. In the 80 years' war with Spain from 1568 to 1648, the Prince of Orange conferred the title of "Graef" or "Count" on the family of Fossen for services rendered the Fatherland, thereby prefixing the "van" to the name. (See Chapter 11)

Probably Arnold vanVossen (or Vossen) had fled from Aix la Chapelle, since he had renounced Catholicism, and gone to Crefeld, Germany where there had been a little Mennonite congregation since 1600. The Town Council suffered them to stay there and to hold their offices as long as they did not make themselves conspicuous in public gatherings. Prince William III of Orange, who had always been a defender of the faith, had inherited Crefeld from the Counts of Meurs and was the Governor. And thither from all the Julicher country after 1650, came many Protestants for refuge from their persecutors. In the Mennonite Church at Amsterdam there exists a letter dated 12-7-1678 whose writer is deeply concerned about the large number of Mennonites who had come from all parts of Julich to Crefeld. In 1679 William Penn stayed there for some time making plans to bring these refugees to his Pennsylvania colony. Undoubtedly, Arnold vanVossen was one of them.

During the early part of the 16th century there were two movements in Europe which gave rise to the Mennonite

religion. The first was the Swiss Brethren movement and the second, the Dutch Anabaptists. In 1529 a decree of the Diet of Speyer, capital of the Palatinate, Bavaria, ordered the execution of any Anabaptist without trial, wherever he might be found within the Holy Roman Empire. Nevertheless, the Church enjoyed a remarkable growth in these early years in spite of fierce attacks. But before 1600 the Swiss Brethren were largely annihilated; only a few remained in Moravia and Switzerland. The Swiss authorities even sold Mennonites to the Italians for galley slaves. In 1709 the Swiss fires of persecution again waxed hot and there was another flight of Mennonite refugees down the Rhine to the Palatinate—a state of the old German Empire lying along the Rhine and now largely absorbed into Bavaria. It was these Swiss refugees who with their children and grandchildren, furnished a very large part of the Mennonite immigrants to Pennsylvania during the 18th century. (Franconia Mennonite History-Wenger, pp 4-5.)

The second movement arose in the Netherlands where the great leader and organizer was Menno Simon, one of the most inspired figures in Mennonite history. His followers were dubbed "Mennonites" by opponents as early as 1544 and this has become the accepted name of both Swiss and Dutch branches of the church. The Dutch church was persecuted even more harshly than the Swiss Brethren. Pennypacker wrote, "There were nearly as many martyrs among Mennonites in the city of Antwerp alone as there were Protestants burned to death in England during the whole reign of Bloody Mary." (Ibid, p 6.)

What was the reason for this fierce persecution of our ancestors by both the Catholic and Protestant churches for over two centuries? Simply because they stood for religious principles unacceptable to either of these groups. Their sin was not heresy, but the demand for absolute soul liberty. The Church was to be a spiritual brotherhood and as such altogether free from any state interference, while the use of force for any purpose was held to be contrary to the ethics of the New Testament and impossible for the Christian. (Ibid, p 3.)

The man who made emigration to America attractive

to the Mennonites was the English Quaker, William Penn, in whose proprietary colony the village of Germantown, cradle of the Mennonite and Quaker churches in America, was founded. From July to October, 1677 he had travelled in Holland and Germany on a preaching tour and had come in contact with Mennonites in Rotterdam, Haarlem, Leyden, Utrecht, Amsterdam, and in Friesland. Three years later he petitioned King Charles II of England for a grant of land in what is now Pennsylvania, in payment of the large debt which the King owed to Penn's deceased father, Admiral William Penn. In 1681 he received a royal charter granting him forty thousand square miles of land. At once, Benjamin Furly, his agent, published Dutch and German pamphlets advertising Pennsylvania. What enthusiasm Penn's real estate prospectus must have aroused among the suffering Mennonites! An extract from a contemporary letter follows;

> Thousands would gladly leave the Fatherland if they had the means to do so. A merchant from Frankfort was with us last week and informed us how along the Rhine a number of families have banded together to accept the invitation of an Englishman, named William Penn, who had recently visited that community, to settle in that beautiful land and there establish new homes. After I had received this information, I went at once to our minister...and begged him earnestly to learn what truth there was in these reports, and to find out if possible, if there would be any opportunity for us to join them and go to the New World. (Ibid, p 10.)

On April 11, 1683 Francis Daniel Pastorius followed up the initial visit of William Penn by going to Crefeld with the result that a few months later, July 24, 1683, a group of several families sailed from Gravesend, England on the "Ship Concord," arriving at the site of Philadelphia on Oct. 6, 1683. Two infants had been born at sea and one woman, Mrs. Op denGraeff, had died before the group reached the place of their final settlement, Germantown. Daniel Pastorius had reached Pennsylvania two months previous and had made a cave for shelter until he could erect a cabin.

Fourteen parcels of land, surveyed for the thirteen families and Pastorius, were drawn by lot and the Crefeld emigrants dug their caves and settled down for the winter on their newly acquired land. An old record states that in 1693 "There were no bilden in Philedelphia but littel caves."

(Notebook, written in 1763 by Jacob Christopher Zimmerman; owned by Dr. Andrew Timberman (Zimmerman), Columbus, Ohio.)

These first settlers were chiefly weavers and as there was little market for their products, they had difficulty in getting started. Frame describes Germantown as a place—

> Where lives *high* German and *low* Dutch
> Whose skill in weaving cloth is much;
> There grows the flax, as also you may know
> That from the same they do divide the tow.
> (Pa. Mag. of Hist. v 4, p 32.)

A pun was made on the name of the settlement, calling it "Armentown," meaning "Village of the poor."

The residents of Germantown were divided into two classes—Mennonites or German Friends, and Tunkers or Dunkards. The former were good farmers—intelligent and prosperous. Tunkers were peculiar in looks and dress. To become a citizen of Germantown everyone was required to have a passport of recommendation. These were written on parchment, elegantly embossed with letters of gold, stating that the bearers were of the high moral character necessary to permit them to become citizens. In time, when the tide of emigration increased, each immigrant was obliged to pay one pound sterling for citizenship. Germantown, it is thus seen, was peopled with men of virtue, piety, and learning. (Story of Philadelphia—Rhoads, p 58.)

Chapter II

ARNOLD VAN VOSSEN, THE EMIGRANT

In the third group of Mennonite refugees—all members of the Altona brotherhood—which sailed from Hamburg-Altona, Germany, for Pennsylvania on May 3, 1700 were Arnold vanVossen, Herman Karsdorp and his wife, Adriaentgen de Voss (in some histories called vanVossen); Hendrik vanSintern and his wife, Neeltje Claessen, from Amsterdam; Paul Roosen and his wife, Anna Harmens, who afterward went to Russia, but Anna returned to Pennsylvania, a widow, in 1726; Klaas Berends and his wife, Tryntje, from Friedrichstadt; and Tryntje Hermans, a widow from the Huyscoopers community. (Geschichte der Mennonitengemeinde zu Hamburg und Altona, v 1, p 2, Hamburg, 1886-1887: Crefelder Generalanzeiger Oct. 6, 8, 10, 1908. Articles—"Krefeld in Amerika" by Alois Neisner.)

The Mennonites keep a "Family Book" or record in which each individual has a page, but no "Church Book" is kept. Records of all the emigrants in the group except Arnold vanVossen are found in the Hamburg-Altona books, indicating that he had not lived there long. The records also definitely state that his previous residence is unknown. It is probable that Arnold VF came to Pennsylvania alone, and that his wife and children came later. Another reference states:

"The Hollanders who came to Pennsylvania rapidly amalgamated with the more numerous Germans among whom they lived and whose language they adopted. Of many settlers it is not positively known whether they came from Holland or Germany....Among the first settlers at Germantown the following hailed from Holland....Arnold vanVossen." (Penna. Mag. of Hist. and Biog. v 4, pp 38-39.)

"Isaac vanSintern who went to America with Arnold vanVossen in 1700 was a grandson of Jan deVoss, a burgomaster at Bunschooten in Flanders about 1500. A genealogy of the latter's descendants, including many American Mennonites was prepared in Holland over a hundred years ago." (Settlement of Germantown"—Pennypacker, 1883.)

(Up to the present time no copy of this genealogy has been

found either in America, Holland or Germany, as far as the author has been able to ascertain.)

The Germantown Mennonites were rather slow in setting up a congregational organization. The greater part of the 1683 settlers were Quakers and Mennonite-Quakers, and the few Mennonites were probably strongly influenced by the Quaker opposition to external ordinances. Furthermore, they were handicapped by a lack of ordained men. At first joint services were held but on June 7, 1690 a Reformed minister, Rudolphus Varick, wrote a letter which indicates that by that time the Mennonites and Quakers were no longer engaging in a common worship.

He said:

> I came to a German village near Philadelphia, where among others I heard Jacob Telner, a German Quaker, preaching. The village consisted of 44 families, 28 of whom are Quakers. The other 16 are of the Reformed Church among whom I spoke to those who had been received as members of the Lutherans, Mennonites, and Baptists who are very much opposed to Quakerism and therefore lovingly meet every Sunday when a Menist, Dirck Keyser from Amsterdam, reads a sermon from a book by Jobst Harmenson. (Hist. of Franconia Mennonites—Wenger, p 87)

Another reference says: "The first meeting of Quakers or Friends was held at Conrad vanVossen's house in Germantown." This is evidently a mistake and should be *Arnold VF* since there is no record of a Conrad except the young son of Arnold.

In 1773 a letter was written, probably by Christian Funk and signed by two other bishops of the Franconia Conference in response to questions addressed to them by four European Mennonite ministers. The following are excerpts from this letter.

> The beginning of the Church of Jesus Christ which is called the Mennonite, took place on this wise at Germantown. A number of friends out of Holland and other places in Germany, came together. Now most of these were Quakers, so they (the Mennonites) could not agree with them and they began to have a meeting, although as sheep without a shepherd. Since they had no preacher, they endeavored to admonish one another. Later in the year 1690 others of our brethren in the faith came from Crefeld and other places in that country.
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> They met with us for meeting in the house of Isaac Jacob vanBebber. These last named friends, together with the earlier group, considered

it to be better for the edification of the church to choose by election a preacher and deacon. Thereupon, the first ministers were chosen; namely as preacher, William Rittenhouse, born in Mongowerland; and as deacon, Jan Neuss from Crefeld. The above named preacher then began to minister to the church.

A second election was held on Oct. 8, 1702 to choose two additional preachers when Jacob Gottschalk from Goch, and Hans Neuss from Crefeld were chosen. These two ministered to the church by reading only. Later, strife having arose between Hans Neuss and Arnold van-Vossen, for Hans Neuss believed himself to have been wronged, he withdrew from the church and never reunited with it throughout his life.

In the year 1707, a number of brethren came to us from the Palatinate....In 1708 they united with us...and later two preachers were chosen, Harman Karsdorp and Martin Kolb. Thereupon the members of the church considered it advisable that those who had applied for membership should be baptized. And so the first members to be taken into our church in this country by baptism were received, eleven in number. Consequently by 1712 our church at Germantown and as far as Skippack, had grown to the extent it consisted of 99 members in number.

Among the members of this congregation, May 23, 1708, were Arnold VV, Mary VV, and Civilia (Sibilla) VV. (Penna. German Hist. Soc. Pub. v 35, p 96.)

It thus appears that almost 25 years elapsed between the settling of Germantown and the first Mennonite baptismal and communion services. Although Arnold VV had on Feb. 10, 1702-3 conveyed to Jan Neuss, on behalf of the Mennonites, a deed for three square perches of land for a church, it is not certain whether the log structure which served for the first church was built at that time or not until 1708. The size of the plot was later increased since Arnold VV on Sept. 5 conveyed 35 square perches or poles "for a place to erect a meeting house for the use and service of the said Mennonites, alias Menisten, and for a place to bury their dead."

On the 28th of June 1701, a tax was laid for the building of a prison, erection of a market, and other objects for the public good. As in all communities the prison preceded the school house, but the interval was not long. "Dec. 30 it was found good to start a school here in Germantown" and Arnold VV was listed as a patron. (Pa. Mag. of Hist. and Biog. v 4, pp 38-39.)

From a letter of Pastorius, dated Mar. 7, 1684, it is plain that the Dutch and German immigrants who founded

Germantown, expected to receive their land grants on a water front or along a navigable stream; to have a province of their own, free from the sway of English influence; and that promises to this effect had been made on behalf of William Penn by Benjamin Furly, his Rotterdam agent.... Thus dissatisfaction with the Germantown site developed and in 1702 about the time the Mennonites were organizing, Matthias van Bebber, one of the Germantown pioneers, obtained a grant of 6,000 acres farther to the west and named "Skippack and Perkiomen" from the river which drained it and the tributary Skippack Creek.

Since the tract extended across these two considerable streams of water, and was further removed from English influence, vanBebber no doubt believed it would possess advantages over Germantown and prove to be more attractive to the Dutch and German incomers who had been disappointed in that location.

Back "on the 26th day of December 1700, William Ruttenhuysen'* paper maker, did sell to Arnold vanVossen for three score pounds, fifty acres. The sale took place in the presence of Herman op de Graef and John Neuws." (Pa. Mag. of Hist. and Biog. v 18, p 282.)

Oct. 1, 1714 this parcel of land was sold by Arnold VV of Bebbers Tp., husbandman, and Mary his wife, to John Hall of Germantown for £46. (Studies of Some Providence Families—Johnson, p 106.)

Among the early adventurers on the Skippack in 1702, were Arnold and Mary VV, who went to the forest of vanBebber even before they sold their property in Germantown. (Pa. Mag. of Hist. and Biog. v 31, pp 1-4.)

A petition was sent to the Court of Quarter Sessions in Philadelphia on June 2, 1713, asking for a road or cartway from the upper end of Bebber's township to the "wide marsh" or Farmers' Mill (Fort Side). It stated that "pretty many families are all ready settled and yet no road being laid out...but what paths have hitherto been used are only upon sufferance and liable to be fenced up." This was the beginning of the Skippack Pike. Among the names attached

*William Rittenhouse established the first paper mill in America, and Rittenhouse Square in Philadelphia is named for this family.

to the petition were Arnold VV, Johannes VV, and Arnold VV.

In 1717, vanBebber gave 10 acres for a Mennonite church and burying ground. The church thus founded still flourishes today, being known as the Lower Skippack Church. Early members of the VV families are buried here and also at Methacton Mennonite Church at Worcester, but it was not long until younger ones joined the Lutheran and Reformed churches.

The settlement increased so rapidly that in 1725 a petition was presented to the Philadelphia Court, asking that a township be organized and named "Skippack and Perkiomen"; and the petition being granted, the township was surveyed and regularly laid out. Thereafter the name of "vanBebber's" began to fade and disappear into the distance. Among those who signed this petition were Arnold VV and his sons, Arnold and Johannes. (Penna. Mag. of Hist. and Biog. v 4, pp 38-9.)

Although no will of either Arnold (1) or Mary VV has been found, it is quite certain that they had seven children:

1 Sibella (Civilia) (2), b. 1688 in Holland.
2 Marieke (3) to whom Dirk Jansen bequeathed £1-10-10 in 1709. "To Marieke, daughter of Arnold vanVossen." No further record.
3 John (4)
4 Arnold Jr. (5)
5 Conrad (6)
6 Leonard (7)
7 Adam (8)

It is not known in what chronological order they should be placed. If the names of the parents of Arnold and Mary were known, it would supply the basis for placing the children, approximately, according to age as it was the custom among the old Dutch families to name the oldest son for his paternal grandfather, the oldest daughter for her maternal grandmother, the second son for his maternal grandfather, and the second daughter for her paternal grandmother. However, if the first child was a girl, she was named for her paternal grandmother. Another difficulty in placing the children is that the Mennonites did not baptize children at birth, so another very important source of information fails in this family.

Sibella (*2 above*) m. Jacob Christopher Zimmerman, b. 1681 in Germany, son of John Jacob Zimmerman, Mystic, b. 1644; d. 1693 (about the time he arrived in Penna.).

Ch. of Jacob Christopher and Sibella vanVossen Zimmerman (Only two are known):

1 Arnold, b. Nov. 2, 1716; m. Mary Engle, b. Feb. 20, 1719. He d. Jan. 20, 1803.

2 Christopher, b. Mar. 1, 1736; m. ———. Res. near Harrisburg, Pa.

This family removed to Maryville, Tenn. in 1797 and later to Butler County, Ohio. When they went to Maryville, they signed their name "Zimmerman," but when they came to Ohio, all legal papers were signed "Timberman." The branches of the family who stayed in Pennsylvania retained the name of Zimmerman.

In the possession of Dr. Andrew Timberman, Columbus, Ohio, a descendant of this family, is a small, leather-covered notebook which he found in the attic of the Butler County, Ohio homestead after the death of his father. The entries begin:

This book was maid in the year one thousent seven hundert an sixty three.

This is to shoue from wheare ouer genearations came.

Then follows a page of directions for making a wagon body, a wheel and shafts for a cart. On the fourth page:

I am now 82 years and six months of age an then I sot all alone an tocken with to my macker the 7 day of June an a speret came to me in the even an told me to be carful.

These entries were evidently made by Jacob Christopher.

On page 7 it seems that his son Christopher made the entries.

In the first pleace

My Granfather of my father side Christopher Zimmerman was his neam, a minister of the Gosple he brought my father in to this Provence of pencelveny

when he was 12 years old when he comto this provence aforesaid then there was no bilden in philedelphia but littel caves

On page 8:

My father's Name was Christopher Timberman also they come from Garmany my Mother and her father Came from hollend there names was vanfosen Sebel vanfosen was her meaden name.

When my father dide he was 78 years of age and he died in the 'yeare fifty nine My mother when she died was fifty five years of age. When she died she died in the year forty four

Page 9: Directions for a "Dutch Waging body."
Page 10: Practise in making capital letters.
Page 11:

In the year 1763 the twelft of July My Son Jonathan was born about an ouer afore day
In the year 1764 the sixteenth of December my Son William was born betwen 9 and 10 a clock in the evening

Page 12:

In the Yeare 1766 My Son George was Born The eighteenth of November

Page 13:

In the yeare 1768 November the 27 my daughter mary was born
In the year 1771 the first of October my daughter Yseabella was born
In the yeare 1774 in May 25 my son Jacob was born

Page 14:

In the yeare 1779 My Son Stoffel was born the six of June
In the yeare 1782 in the month of May My Son Abraham was Born
In the yeare 1784 my taugter Elis ——— in the month of June.

Pages 15, 16 and 17: Directions for making clocks.

Following pages contain directions for "creadles," "Rocking Cheare," "vefer's lum," spinning wheel, wind mill, new sort of "lum" for cloth, a chest-on-chest, and so on.

In some way the writer omitted the birth of his son, Matthew, born Mar. 15, 1777, the ancestor of Dr. Timberman.

Matthew m. Elizabeth Hershey whose family later became well known from the manufacture of chocolate. Matthew takes over the next entries with the names of his children and dates of their birth, still interspersed with the directions for making all sorts of things.

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The name of vanFossen or vanVossen has been the subject of some confusion to genealogical researchers. Dutch

authorities tell us that the correct way to write the name is with a small v—"vanFossen." As early as 1753 the Rev. Henry Muhlenberg of the Lutheran church at Trappe baptized "Barbara Voss, dau. of Adam Voss," who was then 29 years old. Rev. Muhlenberg's version of the name suggests that he confused the Dutch "van" with the German "von," which is used by the minor nobility and he would not sanction such use by ordinary Pennsylvania Dutch farmers.

Furthermore among uneducated Germans the suffix "in" or "en" was used to designate the feminine gender. Rev. Muhlenberg possibly thought the name "vanFossen" had such a termination and he discarded it when writing the baptismal record. The result is confusing to latter day genealogists who, unless they are conversant with these peculiarities of the early German speech would hardly suspect "Voss" and "vanFossen" to be one and the same name.

Some of the vanFossens became members of Wentz's Reformed church in Worcester Tp. There, too, the name seems to have puzzled the pastor. Like Rev. Muhlenberg he left off the final "en," but instead of discarding the "van," he changed it to the German "von" so that in his records the name appears as "vonVoss" and "vonFoss."

Chapter III

THE SECOND GENERATION MOVES WESTWARD

JOHN, SON OF THE EMIGRANT ARNOLD
THE NEW YORK AND MICHIGAN BRANCHES

In 1784 Philadelphia County was divided and the western part became Montgomery County. It included practically all the townships where the various VanFossen family groups were living: Norriton, Providence, Skippack, Towamencin, and Worcester. The 1790 census lists eight heads of families by the name of VanFossen or its phonetic variants —Vanfenson, VanFussen, Vanfussian, Vanversen, Vanvolsin.

John (4 above)—The first record of John and his family shows that they were living on a 50 acre farm in Skippack and Perkiomen Tp. which he bought May 20, 1729. "Quit rent* was paid by Johannes VF before 1734." ("30,000 Names"—Rupp.)

Later John removed to Towamencin Tp., Montgomery Co. By trade he was a "cordwainer" or shoemaker.

He m. Elizabeth Bon, dau. of Peter and Elizabeth Bon, and sister or half sister of Ann Bon, wife of his brother Conrad (5 above). (Studies of Some Providence Families—Johnson, 121.)

It is evident that John was a public-spirited citizen of his community from the following: "The front wall of the Upper Germantown Burying Ground was begun in May 1734 and finished with the assistance in labor, stone or money by...Johannes VF...et al." (Pa. Mag. of Hist. & Biog. v 8, p 417.)

His estate was listed as taxable in Southampton Tp. (Pa. Arch. Ser. 3, v 14, p 726.)

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*"Quit rents" were instituted by England in the American colonies and were a small, fixed amount due from a freehold tenant to his feudal superior in lieu of all other rents or services—notably military. They still exist to some extent in Pennsylvania.

Ch. of John and Elizabeth Bon VF:
1 Arnold (9)
2 John Jr. (10)

Arnold (*9 above*) m. Apr. 9, 1761 at Old Swedes Church in Philadelphia, Rachel Skeen of Lower Providence Tp. (Pa. Arch. Ser. 2, v 3, p 551.)

Ch. of Arnold and Rachel Skeen VF:
1 Levi (11) b. Jan. 29, 1762 at 9 a.m.
2 Sarah (12) b. Oct. 4, 1763; m. William Williams, Lima, N. Y.

Letters of Administration on the estate of Arnold were granted to Rachel VF Oct. 30, 1765 and the bond of Administration was dated the same day. Thomas Gehega (Getty) and James Skeen went her surety. On Oct. 14, Peter VF had entered a caveat against the granting of letters on the above estate until he had been heard. Oct. 16, 1765, Rachel wrote from Providence Tp. protesting against this, and stating that she intended to administer as soon as her health would permit. Witnessed by John VF, Jr. The account of Rachel on the above estate gives the following names: Adam, Elizabeth, Jacob, and John vanFossen; John Hall, Henry Detwyler, Jacob Custer, et al.

Allowances for letters and for putting up and withdrawing the caveat—£1-7-3; coffin, £2; funeral £5. The inventory of Arnold's estate included: Dole bags, Powderhorn, shot, Inkbottles and box of whefers 3s, Teakettle and Tea Tackling (probably a crane with chain and hook), Baking plank and Frying Pann, Shoemaker's tools, Stoneplate (for baking over fire), Bay Mare, £11, cow and calf £5, hopples and horse gears, 2 cruppers, Hay in barrack, Hay in cock, cow and bule £3-10, 5 swine £3-6, hive of bees, "32 acres of unlocated land." Witnessed by Jno. Bull. To the money consideration of a Plantation sold by the deceased to Benj. Tyson, £350-2-6. (Register of Wills, Phila. Adm. Bk H, p 7; Original Papers # 82,1765.)

Dec. 15, 1765. Petition of Rachel VF of Philadelphia Co., widow and administratix of Arnold VF, late of said county, cordwainer, dec'd; setting forth that Arnold died intestate, possessed of a small personal fortune, and a plantation in said county; prays court to allow her to sell real estate to pay debts and to maintain her two small children,

the eldest of whom is not yet five years of age. Court appoints examiner to report on the accounts of said Rachel.

June 8, 1767. Return of the examiners of the accounts of Rachel vF on the estate of her husband, Arnold vF, late of New Providence...states that the said Arnold sold in his lifetime, 64 A of land to Benj. Tyson for £350-2. "We likewise understand that John VF (his father) is in possession of 15 A., part of the same tract for which he has no deed ...and the executrix says he never paid any part of the purchase, either to her husband or self. Court allows Rachel to sell a certain messuage...in Perkiomen...31 A., and the other 50 A. 20 P., late the estate of said Arnold, dec'd."

Sept. 14, 1767. Return of Rachel VF...reports that she sold the plantation to Benj. Tyson. (Orphans Court. Phila, Docket 8, pp 55, 113,118)

A document owned by Miss Rena Rae VF, Paw Paw, Mich., begins as follows: "Memorandum of agreement made this twenty-seventh day of June, Anno Domino seventeen hundred and sixty-seven, by and between John Clower of the one part, and James Skeen, Jonathan Skeen, and Rachel VF, widow and relict of Arnold VF, late of Phila. Co., dec'd, of the other part,...concerning...a certain tract of land lying in the province of Penn., on the south side of the South Mountain, taken up and secured by the said parties for the sake of a mine supposed to be contained therein..." etc.

Rachel Skeen vanFossen m. (2) David Davis. Two ch. James and Rebecca. In the will of David Davis, dated 1804, an equal division of his movable estate was left to his stepchildren, Levi VF, and Sarah (Sally) VF Williams. As Rachel is not mentioned, it is probable that she died prior to 1804.

Levi (*11 above*) was listed in the Northumberland Rangers, 1778-1783. (Pa. Arch. Ser. 3, v 23, pp 255, 340.)

In 1785-1787 he was listed as a single man, Buffalo Tp. Northumberland Co. (now Union Co.). (Pa. Arch. Ser. 3, v 19, p 774.)

He m. Dec. 27, 1787, Elizabeth Hanna, b. May 15, 1771, dau. of Isaac and Martha Hanna. Levi clerked in James Jen-

kins' store at Milton, Pa. and he and his wife lived on the Hanna farm where the four older children were born. The younger ones were born in Avon, New York, to which state Levi removed in 1795.

Ch. of Levi and Elizabeth Hanna VF:

1 John (13) b. Oct. 4, 1788
2 Isaac (14) b. Sept. 16, 1790
3 Andrew (15) b. Jan. 3, 1793
4 Matthew, (16) b. Nov. 21, 1794
5 Samuel (17) b. Nov. 4, 1797
6 Matthew Bell (18) b. Feb. 20, 1801; d. Mar. 12, 1805
7 William (19) b. Mar. 25, 1804
8 Thomas (20) b. May 11, 1807
9 Sarah (21) b. Nov. 25, 1810; m. Dr. Samuel Denton, one of the first instructors at the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor.

Levi VanVolsen lived in Dry Valley, Northumberland County (now on the south line of Union County) and had a distillery, 1793. A girl living with the family took one of his children into the still house and placed it on a barrel while she went to draw some beer. The child fell off into a kettle of boiling mash and was scalded to death. (Annals of the Buffalo Valley 1755-1855, Linn. pp 236, 281)

Robert VanVolsen (22) Northumberland County has not been placed in a family group. In 1786 he was listed as a single man and taxed £10. (Pa. Arch. Ser. 3, v 19, p 696) In the 1790 census he is listed in the same county as a doctor and head of a family with "1 male under 16, and 1 female. Nothing further has been learned about him.

According to a statement made Dec. 9, 1872 by Levi's son, Isaac:

Levi served a regular apprenticeship to the cabinet-making trade, but did not like it. He then adopted the distillery business and carried it on in Pennsylvania until the Whiskey Insurrection, when in 1795 he removed to Charleston, Ontario County, (now Lima, Livingston County) New York, three-fourths mile from the present site of Wesleyan College.

He started a distillery the next year, 1796. Sometime in June of that year he purchased a mill property in Avon to which he moved about two years later, built a log mill and started an extensive distillery. In 1805 he bought the Hemlock Lake property at Pittstown (Livonia), Livingston County, and settled on it in May of that year. Here he built another distillery and operated it until his death on Nov. 11, 1811. His sons, John and Isaac, carried on the business in partnership with their mother and assumed the guardianship of the younger children.

John (*13 above*) m. Oct. 27, 1813, Eliza Lester. She was b. Mar. 4, 1792 in Norwich, Conn., and was the dau. of Timothy and Margaret Bill Lester. He d. Jan. 22, 1858 in Ypsilanti, Mich.; she d. Nov. 2, 1874, aged 83 y.

John VF's first military commission bears the date of 1812, signed by Daniel D. Thompkins, appointing him Quarter-Master General in the corps of mounted volunteers belonging to the 54th Regt. of Cavalry. A second commission the same year placed him in the infantry. In 1816 he received the appointment of Brigade Inspector; in 1818 he was elected to the New York Legislature; received the appointment of Clerk of Ontario County from DeWitt Clinton in 1819; and was nominated for Congress by his party in opposition to Judge Carroll who was elected. Upon his removal to Michigan, he was elected a Presidential Elector and was appointed Acting Commissioner of Public Improvements in 1840 by Gov. Woodbridge. (Obit, Ypsilanti "Sentinel," and copied in Paw Paw "Free Press," Feb. 8, 1858.)

It is said that he formed a partnership in New York with his brothers, Isaac and William. One of the brothers signed a note for a friend, who later disappeared, leaving the partners to satisfy the creditor. The following incident concerns Gen. John VanFossen:

"In 1830 President Andrew Jackson was considering the matter of supplying rations to the Indians, recently emigrated or about to emigrate across the Mississippi River. The present ration, costing 21c was unsatisfactory and Gen. Sam Houston had volunteered to supply one for 18c. President Jackson said Houston was practically certain to get the contract....Meanwhile the Government had received another bid of 17c. Houston countered with a bid of 13c, submitted in the name of John VanFossen of New York. But the tempest whirled to a tame close. The request for bids was withdrawn and no one got the contract. There the matter rested for two years." ("The Raven," James, pp 134-5)

"In September 1832 Sam Houston was Texas-bound. He received an U. S. passport requesting all the tribes of Indians to permit him safely and freely to pass through their respective territories....By the same, or nearly the same post, came a letter from Houston's old friend, John VanFossen, who could speak with less reserve. VanFossen was a Jackson political appointee and had been close to Houston during the Stanbery episode....VanFossen in his letter 'regretted to hear that your friends in New York may fail to furnish the means of prosecuting your Texas enterprise. I hope it will not prove true for I had indulged the expectation...of the most splendid results. I do not believe the country will long continue its allegiance to the Mexican Government, and I would much rather see it detached through your agency...than...by purchase....It has been your fortune to engross more public attention than any other private individual in this nation, and I am daily asked a hundred questions about this extraordinary man—Gen. Houston. I most

ardently hope that I may ere long be able to say that you have triumphed over every obstacle interposed against...*your wishes'.*" (Ibid, p 185)

Sam Houston was a keen observer of these times.

Frontier farming was an occupation involving much commonplace labor in order to eat not any too well. Sam perceived flaws in this scheme. Nor did he share the frontier's opinion of contempt for the Indians, who got along comfortably by hunting and fishing, and when let alone by the whites, seemed to have a good enough time. (Ibid, p 15.)

About this time the brothers removed to Michigan, John locating in Ypsilanti, and Isaac and William in Jackson County where they founded the village of VanFossenville, later called Concord. In 1844 the Ypsilanti "Sentinel" was started under the sponsorship of J. M. Edmunds and Gen. John VanFossen, the latter being manager. On March 4, 1846 a group of sixteen Free Masons met and resolved to seek a dispensation for a local lodge. This was secured and the name of "Phoenix Lodge" was adopted, and a hall fitted up for meetings. The first officers of the lodge were John VanFossen, Edmund Hewlitt et al. ("Story of Ypsilanti," H. C. Colburn).

An old bond of Ypsilanti Tp. is interesting in connection with Gen. John.

Know all men by these presents that we, John VanFossen as principal, and Charles Stuck as surety, are held firmly unto the Township of Ypsilanti (Washtenaw County), in the penal sum of fifty dollars lawful money of the State of Michigan, for the payment of which sum well and truly to be made to the Township of Ypsilanti, we bind ourselves and each of our heirs, executors, administrators and assigns, jointly and severally by these presents, sealed with our seals and dated this twenty-third day of May, A. D. 1846.

Now, therefore, the conditions of the obligation is such that if the above bounden John VanFossen shall build or cause to be built, a bridge in the ravine on the road leading from the village of Ypsilanti to the farm of J. W. VanCleve at the time and in manner specified in a certain contract with the Commissioners of Highways of the said Township of Ypsilanti, bearing even date herewith, then the obligation to be void, otherwise to remain in full force and virtue.

(signed) John VanFossen, Charles Stuck.

This old bond furnishes evidence that Gen. John VanFossen, local promoter and capitalist, agreed to build a bridge to the entire satisfaction of the township highway commissioners or forfeit $50. This data was recently published in the "Ypsilanti Press."

Ch. of John and Eliza Lester VF:
1 Charlotte (23) b. Sept. 12, 1814.
2 Ralph Wesley (24) b. Oct. 10, 1815.
3 Mary (25) b. July 7, 1817.
4 Margaret (26) b. Mar. 3, 1819; m. Dec. 18, 1838, Derastus Hinman, b. July 25, 1806. Res. Clinton, Iowa. She d. Feb. 27, 1847. He d. Mar. 26, 1865.
Ch. of Derastus and Margaret VF Hinman:
A—Frances Eliza, b. Oct. 3, 1841; m. Judge George Billings Young. Res. Clinton, Iowa. She d. Jan. 15, 1897.
Children
a—Harry, 1866-1937.
b—Karl Hinman, b. Nov. 2, 1879; A. B., U. of Mich., 1901; A. M., Ph. D., Harvard; Phi Beta Kappa; Prof. at Yale; exchange Prof. at Oxford. He m. Aug. 10, 1911, Frances Campbell Berkeley.
B—Alma M., b. Sept. 20, 1843; d. Nov. 17, 1869.
5 Elizabeth (27) b. May 8, 1820; m. May 15, 1848 as his 2nd wife, Derastus Hinman. No ch. She d. Jan. 5, 1870.
6 Sarah Adelain (28) b. Aug. 6, 1822; m. 1842, Charles Thompson. Res. Ypsilanti, Mich.
Ch. of Charles and Sarah A. VF Thompson:
A—Theodore Lester, b. 1843; d. of injuries sustained at Bull Run.
B—Charles, b. 1844; d. of injuries sustained at Bull Run.
C—Margaret Elizabeth, b. 1846; m. Daniel Benedict.
D—Caroline, b. 1851; m. Charles L. Stevens.
E—Frederick, b. 1854; m. Alice Edwards.
F—Lydia, b. 1859; d. in inf.
G—John Justin, b. 1861; m. Ida Fullington.
One son: Gen. Charles Fullington Thompson was officer in charge of all reserve officers and men of the U. S. Army. His headquarters were in the office of the Chief of Staff, Washington, D. C.
H—Harry Drake, b. 1868; m. Stella Gardiner, a descendant of Gov. William Bradford of Plymouth Colony. He taught biology in Muskegon High School and was thus able for the first time to make a study of the flora and fauna of the sand dunes in which he had long been interested. Later he retired and devoted all his time to painting the dunes in their varied moods.
7 Abigail Bill (29) b. Oct. 24, 1828; unm. Taught art in Ypsilanti Normal; and cared for her parents.

Ralph Wesley (24 above) m. Kate Rapelje. Res. Ypsilanti, Mich. Postmaster at one time.

Children
1 Jean (30) m. Archibald VanCleve. Res. Marinette, Wis.
Ch: A—John B—Ralph

2 John (31) m. Clara Nichols. No. ch. She d. 1938. Res. Ypsilanti, Mich. He was a dentist by profession, and prominent in the Masonic Order. At the time of his death, he was mayor of Ypsilanti.
3 Albert (32) Res. Marinette, Wis. No record.

Isaac (*14 above*) was named for his mother's father and brother—both Isaac Hanna. He m. (1) Jan. 16, 1812, Mary Codding (ton), b. June 24, 1792, dau. of John and Nancy Trafton Codding. They lived at Livonia, N. Y. until June 1833 when they removed to Michigan. A description of their journey will be given later in this chapter. Mary Codding VF d. of typhoid pneumonia Nov. 30, 1839; bur. Concord, Mich.

Isaac m. (2) Catherine Parkinson, b. Nov. 1, 1801; d. Jan. 9, 1873 at Paw Paw, Mich. He d. Nov. 24, 1877; bur. Prospect Hill, Paw Paw.

He served as a minute man at Fort Erie, 1812, and was one of the three brothers in partnership in New York (see John-13). On Mar. 23, 1836, the Michigan Legislative Council passed an act setting off the township of Concord from Jacksonburgh. At the first township meeting which was held at the home of his brother William, Isaac was chosen clerk, and was also Justice of the Peace. ("Early Days of Concord"—Pioneer Soc. of Mich. v 21, p 421)

Ch. of Isaac and Mary Codding VF:
1 Albert (33) b. July 1816.
2 Adam Clark (34) b. 1820; d. June 2, 1837.
3 Martha Maria (35) b. Mar. 19, 1822; m. Aug. 28, 1842, Rev. Rufus L. Blowers. They removed to Missouri Territory. She d. Aug. 17, 1862 at Scottsville, Indiana.

Children

A—Avillo, b. 1842; killed in Civil War.
B—Ella, b. Dec. 13, 1849, at Evansville, Ind.; m. (1) Aug. 12, 1874 Ervin Asa Landphere. He d. Mar. 19, 1880 at Petoskey, Mich. She m. (2) Jeremiah Bridges, Arlington, Mich.
C—Grove, b. 1855; m. Rose E. Clark. He d. Aug. 20, 1920.
D—May, b. 1858; m. Frank Jones, Hornell, N. Y. She d. 1917.

4 Nancy Cornelia, (36) b. Apr. 10, 1824; m. (1) Sept. 20, 1846, Col. Norman Wells Mather of Hemlock Lake, N. Y.

Children

A—Mary Amelia, b. Sept. 4, 1847; m. Sept. 13, 1865, Rev. William Riley Benham D. D., an M. E. clergyman in New York.
B—William Bertram, b. July 2, 1849; m. Aug. 20, 1879, Emogene Hanford. He d. Apr. 17, 1895.

C—Franklin Davis, b. Sept. 26, 1851; m. Oct. 19, 1881, Clara P. Dewey. He was an officer in the House of Refuge, Rochester, N. Y.; member of State Legislature in California; later engaged in business in Chicago, Ill.

D—Ellen Irene, b. May 26, 1857; m. June 7, 1883, Rev. William C. Taylor. She d. Nov. 29, 1888.

When fifteen years old Nancy Cornelia went from Concord, Mich., where her mother had died, to live with her paternal grandmother, Elizabeth Hanna VF, at Hemlock Lake, New York. The house was afterward a hotel. After finishing school, she taught until her marriage to Col. Mather—a widower with four small children. He had a home and a woolen factory on a small lake in Livonia, N. Y. Besides their own children, Col. and Mrs. Mather made a home for six orphan children, some of whom became prominent in after years and attributed their success to their foster parents. During the winter evenings, Nancy Mather taught the factory boys around her long dining table, and few cases of sickness in the community or arrival of new babies, that she was not called on for help.

After Col. Mather's death, she married (2) her childhood friend, William B. Leman of Danville, New York. She d. at the home of her daughter, Amelia Benham in Walworth, New York.

5 Isaac Warren (37) b. July 24, 1826.
6 Thomas D. (38) b. May 5, 1829.
7 Wilbur (39).

Albert (*33 above*) m. (1) Lydia A. Dolph; m. (2)———. He d. Feb. 1, 1892 of lagrippe at Texarkana, Ark.

Albert and Lydia Dolph VF had one dau.:

1 Mary (40) "Married at Sullivan, Ind. Aug. 12, 18—, Wednesday Eve by Rev. Robertson, Hon. Charles Buford Wills, State Supt. of Public Instruction of Arkansas, and Miss Mary VF, only dau. of Albert VF, proprietor of the National House." (Press clipping)

A letter written by Albert to his brother, Isaac Warren of Paw Paw:

Concord, Oct. 15, 1842

Dear Brother Isaac: Last night I rec'd a letter from Rufus (Blowers, his brother-in-law). He gives a glowing account of Missouri Terr. and the tract connected with the Platte River. He has located some land there by preemption as it is not yet come into the market—left his

horses, etc. & will probably move there in the spring. He has regained his health—they are all well. Their little one is a boy.

Isaac, I want you to come home and visit us....If you will come I can carry you back at any time. I want you to write—be a good boy—shun bad company—and improve your talents & time as well as your mind and you will be prepared for usefulness in every situation through life...

Truly yours, your brother
(Signed) A. C. VanFossen

Isaac Warren (37 above). At the age of five he came with his parents to Concord, Mich. After the death of his mother, he attended Jackson Academy and in his spare time was learning the printers' trade in the "Michigan Democrat" and the "Jackson Patriot." In 1853 he went to Detroit as foreman for Bagg, Patten, and McDonel. In 1854, he was asked to come to Paw Paw, Mich. to start a paper. He was editor and publisher of the "Free Press and Courier" and later of the "Paw Paw Herald." He joined the Jackson Lodge No. 17, F. and A.M. in 1849 and went to Detroit with his brother-in-law, Orville C. Simmons, to secure a charter for the lodge in Paw Paw. He was a member of Peninsular Commandary Knights Templar of Kalamazoo. He visited Philadelphia in 1876 and a memo lists the VanFossens whom he heard of, or saw while there.

Sunday, Nov. 5, 1876:
Arnold VF, builder, 2235 N. 10th St. Phila.
Cornelius, clerk, 446 New Market, Phila.
Isaac, cigar maker, 1957 Germantown Ave. (Going to Florida.)
William, brick layer, 2330 Palethorp (?) Phila.
Henry, Glouster, N. J. (Saw him.)
John, son of Henry, salesman, 909 Cumberland, Phila.
William Augustus, son of Henry, Glouster, N. J.

June 24, 1858, he married Irene Phillips Simmons, only daughter of Jeremiah Howland and Sarah Baker Phillips Simmons, b. May 15, 1838—the first white girl in Paw Paw. She d. Sept. 17, 1903; Isaac Warren d. July 7, 1917.

Ch. of Isaac Warren and Irene Simmons VF:

1 Zell (41) b. Mar. 18, 1864; d. Oct. 29, 1869 of typhoid.
2 Vern Margaret (42) b. Feb. 21, 1872. Received the degree of D. D. S. from the U. of Mich. 1902; practiced in Cleveland and Kalamazoo as a pyorrhea specialist, and in Paw Paw had a general practice. She d. at Palo Alto, Cal., Jan. 28, 1923, and is bur. in the family lot at Paw Paw.

3 Rena Rae (43) b. July 4, 1875. Received the degree of A. B. and M. A. from the U. of Mich.; was a graduate student at Leland Stanford; taught in senior High Schools and Junior Colleges in Illinois, Pennsylvania, Minnesota, Texas, and Utah. She is now librarian of the Paw Paw Public Library.

Thomas D. (*38 above*) m. Mary Elizabeth Mayfield, a descendant of Charles Carroll; lived in Arlington, Phelps Co., Missouri. He was a millwright by trade, but taught school for a number of years.

Ch. of Thomas D. and Mary E. VF:

1 Ethel Kate (44) m. Col. A. D. Collier, son of Samuel and Nancy Davenport Collier, pioneers from Michigan who located Muscatine Co. Iowa in 1836. Res. Sioux City, Iowa. She was Iowa State Commander, Women's Relief Corps. She d. 1938. One ch: Ethel Kate, m. William D. Hawley, Morrison's Lake, Coldwater, Mich.

2 Josephine C. (45) m. Wilson D. Rugg, Manning, Iowa. One or two ch.; A—Earl W. B ————.

3 Ella N. (46) Lawyer, d. 1933.

4 William (47) Unm. Manager, U. P. Hotel, Childress, Texas.

Wilbur (*39 above*) Unm. Law partner of Sen. Daniel W. Vorhees, "Tall Sycamore of the Wabash"; Captain of the "Lion Whelps," 59th Ind. Vol. of the Civil War; lived in Carlisle and Sullivan, Ind. A number of his letters, written to her father, Isaac Warren VF., are prized possessions of Miss Rena Rae VF of Paw Paw, Mich.

Samuel (*17 above*) m. (1) Elizabeth Fowler; m. (2) Betsey Richmond. He was one of seven Ann Arbor citizens who accompanied the commissioners to the geographical center of Jackson County. They decided that it was the ideal location for the county seat, and that it should be named "Jacksonburgh." Later, several of these men returned to help settle Jackson, then only a name. (Pioneer Soc. of Mich. v 11, p 276)

In the history of Washtenaw County, the author summarily disposes of Samuel as follows: "With some other young dare-devils, he went West to fight Indians and was never heard from again."

As a matter of fact, he left Ann Arbor about 1836-7, going to Mobile, Alabama, and later by "keel-boat" from New Orleans back to the "falls of the Ohio" at Louisville.

There his wife, Elizabeth, died, Nov. 27, 1838. He then went to Keokuk, Iowa where he was the first Justice of the Peace. His grandson, David Uncas Crockett, describes his western adventures in his "Reminiscences." In 1848 he wrote to his brother Isaac, that he was Clerk of the District Court. He d. Aug. 3, 1850 after an eleven hour illness with cholera.

Ch. of Samuel and Elizabeth Fowler VF:

1 Louisa (48) m. Richard Townley. Lived in Parma, Mich. where she d. Aug. 6, 1875.

One dau. Bertha, m.——— Pollard

2 Levi (49)

In 1845, Levi was living in Mobile, Ala. He wrote to his Uncle Isaac Warren at Paw Paw under that date: "Sister Lizzie is quite well and has lately joined the Presbyterian Church...Business in the South is suffering from a stagnation."

His father, Samuel, wrote to his brother Isaac from Keokuk, Iowa in 1848: "Levi is married and doing a good merchantile business in Mobile, in as fair standing as any young man in the city..."

In 1862 he was living at Wilson's Point, East Carroll Co. La. (See Court Order in settlement of his Uncle Thomas' estate.)

His sister, Louisa Townley, wrote to her Uncle Isaac W. from Tompkins, Mich., July 15, 1865:

...I have just received a letter from Levi. He was in Washington, trying to collect damages for the destruction of his property by the Federal Troops. I should judge from his account of the matter that they had carried off and destroyed $10,000 of Property. He says he has never done one thing against his country. He has plantations at Providence, La.

Descendants are living at Lake Providence at this time.

3 Marcia (50) d. unm. about 1850.

4 Elizabeth (51) b. Nov. 23, 1829; m. Sept 3, 1848 in the 1st Presbyterian Church, Keokuk, Iowa, William H. Crockett, b. Feb. 2, 1804; d. 1874.

Children

A—David Uncas, b. Oct. 31, 1849; m. Feb. 26, 1877, Elinor Ruth Bucknor.

B—William Ernest, b. Apr. 4, 1859; m. (1) Addie Howerton of Nashville, Tenn.; m. (2) Nellie Edmondson. He d. May 8, 1877.

C—Richard Ashby, b. Feb. 24, 1863.
D—Mary Izella, b. Aug. 17, 1869; d. in inf.

William (*19 above*) m. May 28, 1829 at Ann Arbor, Mich., the widow Mary Ann Sprague Rumsey, b. July 4, 1802. She was one of the two *Anns* for whom Ann('s) Arbor was named—Ann Allen and Ann Rumsey, wives of two of the founders of the town. Before coming to Michigan, he had been in partnership in New York with his two brothers, John and Isaac. [See John (13).] He was the second white settler in Jacksonburgh, Jackson Co. He built his log cabin on the north bank of the Kalamazoo River—S. W. Quarter of Sec. 27—a few rods west of the site of the present grist mill in Concord, which was formerly called Von-Fossenville. He and his wife gave shelter and hospitality to Thomas McGee, his wife and nine children until their cabin was built. Soon after, his brother Isaac settled nearby.

The first township meeting was held in William's cabin, and he was elected one of the assessors. All the men of this group of VF families were active in the Masonic Order. Both William and Mary Ann died at Lafayette, Ind. of cholera in 1849.

Ch. of William and Mary Ann Sprague Rumsey VF:
1 William Jr. (52) b. Mar. 24, 1830.
2 Derias Jacques (53), b. Feb. 4, 1833; m. Aug. 2, 1869, Josephine Dan.

Children

A—Florence (54), b. June 25, 1870; d. in inf.
B—Kate (55) b. Jan. 10, 1872; m. C. T. Dysart, Kansas City.
C—Fred (56) b. Apr. 16, 1876. Unm.

3 Charles Henry (57) b. Dec. 15, 1836.
4 Ruth Elizabeth (58) b. July 17, 1838; m. Lucas Michael Havens (named for Lucas and Michael Sullivant, brothers of Columbus, Ohio) Was Postmaster at Delaware, Ohio. Removed to Fort Scott, Kansas.

Children

A—Durald Joseph, b. Nov. 27, 1857.
B—Effie, b. Apr. 3, 1860 at Delaware, Ohio. Studied voice at the Boston Conservatory and in New York City; m. Capt. M. E. Johnson, Zanesville, Ohio. Was a teacher of music, and leader of the Scottish Rite Temple choir; regent of the Molly Berry Foster Chapter of the D. A. R., 1933-34. She d. May 22, 1935. One son: Lucas.
C—Lucas John Cook, b. June 1, 1870.

5 John (59) b. July 14, 1841; m. Mar. 22, 1864 at Wyandot, Kan.,

Mollie Cowan. Res. Leavenworth, Kansas.

Children

A—William (60), b. Dec. 31, 1864; m. Eva Souers. He d. 1894.
B—Charles (61) b. Feb. 10, 1867; m. Ida Wood. He was a D.D.S.

Mary Ann Sprague and her 1st husband, E. Walker Rumsey, had one son, Lewis W. Rumsey, b. 1826; d. 1861 in Cal.

A letter from William Jr. (52) to Isaac Warren VF of Paw Paw, Mich., follows:

Perrysville, Vermillion Co., Ind., Sept. 5, 1850.

....I am six feet, one inch in height and by far the tallest in our family. Jacques is in the store with Lewis (Rumsey) who keeps him from being as mischievious as he otherwise would be. Charlie is clerking in a store at Lafayette. Ruth and John live at Capt. Beard's and attend school without intermission....Lafayette has between eight and ten thousand inhabitants....

Truly your Cousin,
(signed) William VanFossen.

He also states that he is a merchant and that business is very good. the letter is owned by Miss Rena Rae VF, Paw Paw, Mich.

Charles Henry (*57 above*) m. Dec. 1, 1857 at Wyandot City, Kansas, Caroline Armstrong, dau. of Chief Armstrong of the Wyandots, who in 1834 brought his tribe to Wyandot for the Government. Charles H. lived in Fort Scott, Kansas; was connected with the Kansas City "Mail" and "Globe"; banker; built the "VanFossen Block" in Kansas City, and was twice mayor of Fort Scott. He d. Jan. 5, 1884. She d. 1900. Both are bur. in the Wyandot Burying Ground, Minnesota Ave. and 7th St.

Ch. of Charles Henry and Caroline Armstrong VF:

1 Ella (62).
2 Lewis A. (63), b. 1862; m. Grace ———. He d. 1938. Lived Kansas City and Los Angeles.

Children

A—Harold (64).
B—Helen (65); m. ——— Teagle, Los Angeles.

3 Ruth (66).
4 John (67).
5 Albert (68) b. June 8, 1866.
6 Wilbur D. (69) b. June 8, 1866; m. Sue Boyle. Lived Kansas City, Kan. Engineer.

One dau: Catherine (70) m. Mar. 22, 1905. ———— Coleman.
7 Frank E. (71) m. ————.

Children

A—Charles (72); b. 1912, d. 1938.
B—Harry (73).
8 Julia (74).
9 Emma (75); m. Owen A. Teague.

Thomas (*20 above*) M. D. m. (1) Marcella Percival; (2) Mary Kinkead; (3) Celestia M. Graves. No ch. Lived in Livingstone Co. New York.

The following Court Order locates several members of the family at the time of Thomas' death, 1862:

The people of the State of New York...: to Ralph W. VF, Abigail VF, Sarah VF Thompson (Ypsilanti, Mich.), Albert VF, and Wilbur D. VF (Sullivan, Ind.), Thomas D. VF (Arlington, Mo.), Charley VF (Kansas City, Mo.), D. Jacques VF and Ruth E. Havens (Fort Scott, Kan.), John VF (Leavenworth, Kan.), Levi VF (Wilson's Point, E. Carroll Co., La.), Elizabeth VF Crockett (Clinton, Lenawee Co. Mich.), Nancy C. Mather (Livonia, New York), send greetings: Whereas Celestia M. VF has lately applied to our Surrogate Court...County of Livingstone, for proof of the will of Thomas J. VF, late of said County, Dec'd... therefore: you are cited to appear before the Surrogate in the village of Genesee, on the 11th day of December next...and will attend the probate of said will... Given under the seal of said Court at Avon, in said County, the 24th day of October, 1862

(Signed) E. A. Nash, Surrogate

John Jr. (*10 above*) m. Elizabeth McMullen, dau. of James McMullen of Plumstead Tp. (Proved by will, Bk. 5, p 169, Bucks Co. Penna.)

May 30, 1772, "John VF Jr. of Upper Dublin, in the County of Philadelphia, cordwainer" gave a mortgage to Samuel Evans of the Northern Liberties, City of Phila. for £100, offering as security a tract of land in Plumstead Tp. Bucks County consisting of 100 A., 28 P. John bought this property May 18, 1772 from Jas. McMullen and Andrew McBride. The mortage was satisfied Apr. 1, 1774. (Recorder of Deeds, Doylestown, Pa. Bk. 14, p 219)

John VF was a militia man of Plumstead Tp. Bucks Co. Pa. May 19, 1775, 1st Class. (Pa. Arch. ser.—v 5, p 375) He enlisted Aug. 21, 1775 as a private in Capt. Wm. McCann's Co.

June 10, 1786, John VF of the Tp. of Warwick, Bucks Co., and Elizabeth his wife, convey to Melchor Hebner, Bedminster Tp., a tract of 100 A. 28 P. in Plumstead Tp. less one acre at the west corner which had been sold to Amos Shaw, Jan. 14, 1782, this being the tract acquired in 1772. John and Elizabeth also conveyed to Hebner 53 A. adjoining, bought from Jas. McMullen Apr. 1, 1774. (Ibid, Bk 26, p 259)

The will of James McMullen, Plumstead Tp., proved Apr. 10, 1790: eldest son John, to have 50 A. in Plumstead; daughter Elizabeth, wife of John VF, to have "my featherbed, that whereon I now lie, with the bedding thereunto pertaining, as her full share." Son James to have plantation in Plumstead, "the tract on which I now dwell"—also all personal estate. Son James named as executor. (Register of Wills, Doylestown, Pa.)

Apr. 29, 1793, John McMullen, Buckingham Tp. conveys to John VF, shoemaker of Tinicum Tp., a tract of 50 A. in Plumstead Tp., which he had acquired by will from his father, James McMullen. (Recorder, Bk 27, p 54)

June 1, 1799, John VF, late of Tinicum Tp., Bucks Co., shoemaker, and Elizabeth his wife, convey to Michael Wissel, late of Bedminster Tp., now of Tinicum, three tracts of land—one of which John VF had bought June 1, 1792 from Joseph White, consisting of messuage, tenement and plantation on the banks of the Delaware River in Tinicum and Bedminster Tps. and bordering Tinicum Creek, consisting of 129½ A.; another tract, bought Dec. 15, 1792 from Michael Black, on the Delaware River at the mouth of Tohickon Creek, extending "to a stone wall or fishing batter erected by the said Michael Black for the purpose of fishing for shad at the upper part of the land, between the Tohickon and the Delaware"; and a third tract of 50 A., acquired from James McMullen in 1793. The price for the three was £1,500. (Recorder of Deeds, Doylestown, Pa. Bk 30, p 320)

The diary of John Dyer states: "John VF moved from Wright's old place to Shoemaker Town Apr. 1, 1800. Had moved to Wright's place Apr. 5, 1798." (Shoemaker Town is a village of Montgomery Co., about nine miles from Philadelphia.)

No will of John VF Jr. is on record, but his children included:

1 A dau. (76) who "married John Dyer of Plumstead Tp."
And probably—
2 Levi (77) b. 1756, pensioned as Pvt. and Sgt. in Montgomery Co. Pa. 1833.
3 James (78) m. ———.

Children

A—Caroline (79); d. May 23, 1827.
B—James (80); m. Nov. 17, 1805, Sarah Lewis. ("War of 1812-14, James VF. Pvt., 31st Regt. Vol. Rep. Capt. Morgan Thomas" Pa. Arch. Ser 6. v 7, p 191)

"John VF Jr. d. Dec. 27, 1818 at the home of his son-in-law, John Dyer of Plumstead."

"Elizabeth McMullen VF of Plumstead Tp., d. May 6, 1824, aged 73 y." (Newspaper notices from the Bucks County Hist. Soc., Doylestown, Pa.)

Other notices from the same source include:

"Caroline, dau. of James VF., Tinicum, d. May 23, 1827."

James VF and Sarah Lewis, both of Plumstead, were married Nov. 17, 1805 by Robert Shewell, J. P."

"William VF of Horsham Tp., Montgomery Co., Pa. and Agnes Tompkins of the same Tp., were married Dec. 11, 1828, by Josiah Y. Shaw, J. P."

SKETCH BY ISAAC WARREN VANFOSSEN (37 above)

When we moved from Bloomfield, New York, to the Territory of Michigan in June 1833, our goods were packed in pine boxes which Father had so constructed as to fit snugly into an ordinary lumber wagon-box. They were transported by teams to Bushnell's Basin on the Erie Canal, where with the family, they were transferred to a canal boat and conveyed to Buffalo. Here they were loaded into the Steamboat "Pennsylvania," in which the family embarked for Detroit. The third day, I think it was, we arrived safely in Detroit. The river was swarming with Indians in canoes, who were there to receive their annual payment from the Government.

Father arranged with three teamsters to bring the family and goods through on the Territorial Road via Ypsilanti, Ann Arbor, Jackson, and on twenty miles west of

there, where my Uncle William had previously moved from Ann Arbor onto a section of land having a water power on the Kalamazoo River. He and Father (Isaac) had purchased this land of the Government.

Enroute we stayed over night at a hotel in Ypsilanti where Sister Nancy was taken ill. Dr. Samuel Denton whose first wife was Sarah, Father's only sister who had died some years before, made us a welcome visit. Under his care, Nancy was so much better that, after breakfast, we resumed our journey and arrived at Uncle William's on the afternoon of a beautiful day. For supper, we had an immense pickerel which Uncle William had speared in the Kalamazoo River.

We lived with Uncle William's people until our new log house was built on a bluff on the south side of the River. Subsequently, Father and Uncle constructed a dam, dug a race, and erected a saw mill. Uncle's log house had been the first and only building—May 1832. As soon as the mill was in operation, there were frame houses put up by settlers who soon located there. Until the town was organized, it was called "VanFossenville." Later it was named Concord. The first township meeting and the first town meeting were held at Uncle William's house. Father was chosen Town Clerk and Justice of the Peace.

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Chapter IV

DESCENDANTS OF ARNOLD JUNIOR, SON OF THE EMIGRANT

THE COLUMBIANA COUNTY, OHIO, BRANCH

PART I

Arnold was probably the second son of Arnold, the emigrant, from the fact that his signature followed those of his father and brother John on the petition for a road into the new settlement in Skippack and Perkiomen Township (See chapter 2). He was enrolled in the first school at Skippack and probably had also attended the Germantown school of which his father was a patron.

Dec. 24, 1720, the Penna. Land Co. of London received 5,000 acres of land in Gilbert's Manor, New Providence. The tract extended from Providence Square to Valley Forge (Betzwood), and from the Baptist Church to the Trappe. In the Penna. "Gazette," Dec. 4, 1760 is found the advertisement:

> Sale by way of public vendue of the estate of the Penna. Land Co. of London at the old Fery House in Water St. on 2nd Apr. 1761, and on the 9th, at 8 o'clock...22 plantations.

On Nov. 20, 1761, Arnold VF purchased of the Trustees of the Company, 336 acres on the east side of Skippack Creek as its confluence with the Perkiomen River for £270-4. In this deed he describes himself as a yoeman of New Providence Twp. The following day, he and his wife Elizabeth mortgaged the property to Sarah Wister of Phila., but they were able to satisfy the indebtedness in 1771.

This tract was of much concern to the family and serves to identify the respective Arnolds. In the will of Arnold, son of the emigrant, made Feb. 6, 1769 and probated soon after, he states: "Whereas I had an equitable right to and in a certain tract or piece of land being all that part of the tract which my son Arnold holds by Deed which lies the Northeasterly side of the run of water which runs between two large hills which said piece of land I do order to be valued by honest, judi-

cious men...and the valuation to be paid by my son Arnold to my other heirs.

The inventory appraised June 9, 1770, lists weaving equipment, one frying pan, two porringers for the family of 11, 4 spoons, 4 knives, 6 forks, pewter dish, a stove plate, two heiffers, and a verry old black cow, a pot, a whip saw. The survey was made by Isrl. Jacobs, Thos. Rees, and Edward Roberts, the adjacent land owner. (Providence Families—Johnson, p 123.)

Again on Feb. 21, 1772, the 336 acre tract was mortgaged, this time by the son Arnold and his wife—also named Elizabeth. Evidently it was for the purpose of raising the money to pay off the other heirs, for there is no record of its cancellation.

Arnold Junior (*5 above*) son of the emigrant, married Elizabeth Sellen, dau. of Heinrich and Margaret Sellen, early settlers of Germantown. (Proved by will of her brother, Jacob Sellen—Ibid, p 122. Will Bk 231 L 362.)

Children of Arnold Jr. and Elizabeth Sellen VF:

1 Henry (81). Probably the progenitor of one of the Columbiana Co. Ohio, branches.
2 Arnold (82).
3 Abraham (83) m. Rebecca Newbry. No further record.
4 Margaret (84) m. ——— Hendricks. No further record.
5 Isabel (85) m. ——— Shambaugh. No further record.
6 Barbara (86) m. ——— Skeen (probably brother of Rachel, wife of Levi).
7 Agnes (87) m. ——— Shambaugh. No further record.
8 Susanna (88) m. ——— Armstrong. No further record.
9 Ann (89) m. John Benson. "Married at St. August's Lutheran Ch., Trappe, Sept. 25, 1760, John Benson and Ann Vanfossen by Rev. Provost Wrangle of Wicaco."

(Will of Arnold, Feb. 6, 1769 Will Bk. O 484.)

Very little is definitely known of Henry. (81 above). He was named for his maternal grandfather, Heinrich Sellen, according to the old Dutch custom, while his brother Arnold, was named for his paternal grandfather, Arnold VF. These two brothers were partners in most of their enterprises until they had families of their own.

A letter from the Department of Internal Affairs, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, Harrisburg, and dated Aug. 9, 1939, follows:

Mrs. William S. vanFossen,
Columbus, Ohio

Dear Madam:

Replying to your letter with reference to Arnold and Henry VanFossen, will say Arnold VanFossen made application for 300 acres of land Dec. 27, 1766 on which application No. 2286 was given. This land was to adjoin John Patton's improvement on the west side thereof, supposed to be about two miles northward of Sherman's Creek, Cumberland County. A survey was made Dec. 8, 1769 for 264 acres and 92 perches, which is recorded in Survey Book D. Vol. 45, p. 272. The land when surveyed was in Rie Tp., Cumberland County. (Now cut off as Perry County.)

Arnold VanFossen by deed dated December 2, 1782, conveyed 144 acres and 78 perches to Isaac Jacobs who by will granted the same to John Jacobs. John Jacobs received a warrant to accept the 144 acres, 78 perches on June 11, 1816. This survey is recorded in Survey Bk. C. Vol. 86, p 176. The tract was patented to John Jacobs and is recorded in Patent Book H, vol. 13, p 703.

Henry VanFossen made application for 300 acres Dec. 27, 1766 on application No. 2288. No survey has ever been returned or made on this application. The land was supposed to be situated in Cumberland County about a mile from the Great Juniata River near the first falls thereof, adjoining the side of a survey made for Benjamin Jacobs and including a run of water to the northward.

Very truly yours,
(signed) William S. Livengood, Jr. Secretary of Internal Affairs
by: Warren J. Daniel, Director of the Land Office.

In 1769 Henry was listed as a single man, Providence Tp. and is named on the tax list, 1774. (Pa. Arch.) At Hagarstown, Md. is the record of settlement of the estate of Henry Vanessen in 1810, who might have been this son of Arnold and Elizabeth Sellen VF.

Cosin and Henry Vanessen, administrators of Henry Vanessen, deceased: balance due the estate on passing...and final amount, £6-10-10 currency. Cosin Vanossen, £1-12-8½; Henry Vanossen, ditto; Peter Vanossen, ditto; Nancy Vanossen, ditto. Copy gives Aug. 10, 1810. (Hagarstown Distribution Bk. 1806-1816.)

Further research at Hagarstown, Md. and Carlisle, Pa. where the papers for the timber tracts were made, might reveal data which would furnish proof of the place of residence of Henry and the names of his wife and children. It seems very probable that descendants of Henry settled in Columbiana and Jackson Counties of Ohio. Further evidence of these families being descendants of Henry of Providence Tp., Pa. comes from the recurrence of the name

"Henry," and incidentally, they are the *only* ones where the name is found except very occasionally. Records of these families will be given in the following chapters.

On May 15, 1800, Jacob VF of White Deer Tp., Northumberland Co., Pa. and Mary his wife, sold to Peter Schwartz of the Town of Milton, a tract of land situated in White Deer Tp. which Jacob had bought of Andrew Straub, Jan. 22, 1798. On Mar. 15, 1805, Jacob VF of Alleghenny Co. bought from the U. S. Government, the N.W. Quarter of Sec. 23, Tp. 10 N, Range 2 W, Columbiana County, Ohio for $2 per acre under the Steubenville, Ohio Land Office Certificate, No. 1893. (Records of Gen. Land Office, Dept. of Interior, Washington, D.C.)

It seems very probable that Jacob VF (90) of Alleghenny Co. Pa., who took up this 164 acres of land in Madison Tp. 3 miles east of Glasgow, Columbiana County, was a son of Henry (81) of Providence Tp. Montgomery Co., Pa. The members of this branch of the family all spell their name "VanFossan." Jacob and his wife whose name is not known with any certainty had 9 ch.

1 Arnold (91)
2 Jacob (92)
3 Henry (93)
4 John (94) b. 1801 in Pa.
5 Amos (95)
6 William (96) b. Jan. 26, 1804 (See Jackson Co. Branch, Chap. 5.)
7 David (97) b. 1808. Settled in Wayne Co., Ill.
8 Mary (98)
9 Margaret (99.)

(Columbiana Co. Will Bk. 1, p 546.)

In the Roster of Rev. Soldiers buried in Ohio, there is listed a Jacob VF who is buried in Ohio, but it does not seem possible that the Jacob above was old enough to have given service in that War.

Arnold (*91 above*) m. (*1*) Jan. 29, 1807, Anna Gilmore. He served in the War of 1812 and was noted far and wide for his tremendous strength.

Children

1 Mary (100) m. ——— McGovern
2 Jacob (101) m. Mary, dau. of Jacob and Ann Flowers VF

3 William (102)
4 John (103)
5 Ann (104) m. Albert VF, son of Jacob and Ann Flowers VF
6 Sarah (105)
7 Christina (106)
8 Elizabeth (107)
9 Susan (108)
10 Arnold (109)

Arnold m. (2) ———;
11 Joseph (110)
12 Hannah Jane (111)
13 Margaret (112). m. ——— McAllister.

Jacob (*92 above*) m. July 4, 1815, Ann Flowers.

Children

1 Henry (113) b. Nov. 1, 1817.
2 Daniel (114) m. ———

Children

A—John (115); B—Ann (116).

3 Albert (117) m. Ann VF, dau. of Arnold and Anna Gilmore VF (Chap. 4, pt. 2) Res. Hanover, Ohio.

Children

A—Melinda (118) m. James McCormick, Wellsville, Ohio.
B—Daniel (119) m. Dec. 4, 1867, Margaret Transue.
C—Elizabeth (120) m. Judson Haldeman, Salem, Ohio.

4 Thomas Jefferson (121) b. Dec. 3, 1829 (See Chap. 4, Pt. 2).
5 Margaret (122) m. Stephen Hickman.
6 Rebecca (123) m. Angus McBane.
7 Mary (124) m. Jacob VF, son of Arnold and Anna Gilmore VF.

Henry (*93 above*) m. Feb. 25, 1841, Margaret Dixon, b. Aug. 15, 1823, dau. of Samuel Dixon. He d. May 20, 1908. (See Chap. 4, Pt. 2, and Jackson Co. Branch.)

Children

1 Sarah Ann (125) b. May 14, 1846; m. Aug 25, 1867 William A. Sell.

Children

A—Edgar; B—Herbert; C—Benton; D—Ralph; E—Albert. She d. June 20, 1933.

2 Mary Jane (126) b. Nov. 13, 1848; m. (1) May 3, 1867, Adam Frank Sell.

Children

A—Charles.
She m. (2) John Weber.
B—Bruce. She d. Dec. 15, 1901.

3 Frances Emily (127) b. Apr. Apr. 10, 1851. She d. 1899.
She m. (1) Nov 27, 1869, George T. Jones.
She m. (2) Jan 3, 1882, Sylvester C. Webster.

Children

A—Bruce, d. in inf.

4 Henry Albert (128) b. Apr. 30, 1859; m. Feb. 5, 1877, Mary A. Lynn. He d. about 1915 in Springfield, O. Bur. Bellevue, O.

5 Charilla Vienna (129) b. Oct. 15, 1861; m. Aug 18, 1877, Charles Smith. She d. Sept. 19, 1901.

David (*97 above*) m. Melinda Fishel, probably in Columbiana Co. They moved to Wayne Co. Ill. He d. July 17, 1862; she d. Aug. 19,1881. Bur. Mt. Erie, Ill.

Children

1 Rosanna (130) b. May 8, 1833; m. Jacob ~~Galmraith~~ Galbreath. She d. Aug. 13, 1894.

2 Josiah (131) b. Oct. 1, 1835.

3 John (132).

4 Alexander (133).

5 David Jr. (134) b. Sept. 17, 1843 in Columbiana Co.

David Jr. (*134 above*) m. (1) Apr. 5, 1866, Mary Jane Karns, dau. of John and Maria Karns, Mt. Erie, Ill. Res. Clay City, Ill.

Children

1 William Logan (135) b. Feb. 4, 1867 near Mt. Erie.

2 Frank (136) b. June 2, 1869; d. Jan. 2, 1890.

3 Minnie (137) b. Jan. 23, 1871; d. May 26, 1900.

4 Fines (138) b. Sept. 22, 1872; d. Nov. 16, 1872.

David m. (2) Mar. 22, 1908, Millie M. Elefritz.

5 David Melton (139) b. 1909; Res. St. Louis, Mo.
David Jr. d. Aug. 15, 1912; bur. Brown Cem. Wayne Co., Ill.

William Logan (*135 above*) m. Oct. 28, 1888, Eliza Jane Markham, b. Sept. 25, 1867 Res. Cisne, Ill.

Children

1 Raymond David (140) b. Oct. 20, 1890.

2 Anna Belle (141) b. Oct. 26, 1892. m 1908, Edward Lambrich

3 Charles Franklin (142) b. Jan. 21, 1896.

4 Eloise (143) b. May 17, 1898.

5 Frank Lee (144) b. May 1, 1903; d. Nov. 1, 1936 in Colorado Springs, Colo.

6 Walter William (145) b. Jan 9, 1910.

William L. d. Sept. 22, 1938; Eliza Jane d. Oct 9, 1947; Bur. Scott Cem. Mt. Erie, Ill.

Charles Franklin (142 above) m. Oct. 10, 1917, Milda Bryan Duke. Res. Enterprise, Wayne Co. Ill. P.O. Cisne, Ill.

Children

1 Ruth Mildarene (146) b. Oct. 19, 1918.
2 Charles Neal (147) b. July 20, 1920.
3 William Glen (148) b. Feb. 22, 1923.
4 Willena Jane (149) b. Nov. 23, 1927.

The following records belong in the Columbiana County branch but to date it has not been possible to place them in their correct family groups. They are included with the thought that they may be found useful at some time by an inquiring descendant. The following letter accompanied the first record:

...I never knew my VanFossan grandparents as my Grandmother was burned to death when my father was about a year old. My Grandfather then left my Father with some other people and went West. He was never heard from again, and it was thought that he had been killed by Indians.

Jefferson, Ohio, 1940. (signed) Ethel VanFossan Downs.

John VanFossan (150) b. Oct. 5, 1853, Wellsville, Ohio. m. Apr. 10, 1876, Martha Hum, b. Sept. 12, 1853 in Humtown, Columbiana Co. Res. Greenville, Pa. He d. Oct. 13, 1930. Bur. Columbiana Co.

Children

1 Ada L. (151) b. Jan 20, 1877 m. ——— Miller.
2 Clyde L. (152) b. Jan 11, 1881. Res. Nashville, Tenn.
3 Ethel M. (153) b. Dec. 31, 1888. m. Sept. 1, 1925, Charles Downs at Ripley, N. Y.

Children

A—Hazel Marie, b. June 8, 1926.
B—William John, b. June 7, 1928.

Philip H. VanFossan (154)* b. Dec. 5, 1854 at Wellsville, O. He moved with his father's family to Alliance when quite young. They remained there a year, then went back to Wellsville and from there to Crestline where they stayed four years. They again returned to Wellsville, then to Mansfield, and next to Newark, Ohio in Nov. 1872. Philip married

*This descendant has not been properly placed in any family.

there, June 22, 1876, Margaret E. Eader, b. Aug. 9, 1854 in Baltimore, Md.

Children

A—Ida May (155) b. Apr. 24, 1879. (History of Licking Co.—Hill, p 786.)

*Elisha David VanFossan** (*156*) b. Sept. 12, 1863, Mt. Erie, Ill. m. Eliza C. Levi, b. Nov. 30, 1865, Glasgow, Ky.

Children

1 Nellie M. (157) b. May 28, 1887.
2 Hugh M. (158) b. Mar. 22, 1889.
3 Edith M. (159) b. Nov. 21, 1890.
4 Clara Ann (160) b. Sept. 30, 1892
5 Elisha D. (161) b. Sept. 12, 1894.
6 William Jennings (162) b. Sept. 3, 1896.
7 George W. (163) b. July 2, 1898.
8 James H. (164) b. Sept 2, 1900.
9 Edwin C. (165) b. Sept. 30, 1902.

Mary VanFossan (*166*) m.——— Huntsberry and was evidently a sister of Elisha David (156 above).

William Jennings (*162 above*) m. Allie M. Harned, b. June 21, 1901 in Litchfield, Ky. Res. Mt. Erie, Ill.

Children

1 James D. (167) b. May 16, 1923.
2 Wilma M. (168) b. June 28, 1927.
3 Helen C. (169) b. Mar. 31, 1931.
4 William J. (170) b. Aug. 30, 1932.
5 Janice P. (171) b. Aug. 30, 1935.

It should be noted that there were two branches of the family in Columbiana County—the early settlers, descendants of Jacob (90) who came in 1805 and spelled their name VanFoss*an*, and a later settler, Jesse (316) who came from Carroll County in 1821 and died here in 1866.

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*It has not been possible to determine the name of the father of this man.

THE COLUMBIANA COUNTY, OHIO, BRANCH

PART 2

By W. H. VanFossan, Lisbon, Ohio (1855-1948)

My own line is quite certainly a branch starting with one of the sons of Arnold the Emigrant—probably "Arnold of Providence." His oldest son *Henry,* who with his brother Arnold bought timber land in Cumberland Co., may be the missing link and the father of *Jacob,* my great grandfather who moved from Alleghenny Co., Pa. in 1805 to Columbiana Co., Ohio. Alleghenny County comprised all the part of Pennsylvania west of the Alleghenny River. So far, no further information about *Henry* has been discovered. The name "Henry" has been handed down through succeeding generations.

I have spent considerable time on the family genealogy in the Carnegie Library and Court House of Pittsburgh, and in the Congressional Library at Washington. Also on other possible sources—county histories, Penna. Archives, Tax Records, U. S. Census of 1790, Muster Rolls of the Revolution. A careful examination of records in several counties and of the archives at Harrisburg might give the facts desired about my great, great grandfather.

Jacob VanFossan m. Rose Slimiker. Wife's name not found in will or other record. Given me by Malinda VanFossan McCormick, who was positive that it was correct. She was a great-grand-daughter of Jacob and Rose. (Great-grandparents of W. H. VanFossan.)

Children of Jacob and Rose

1 Jacob m. Ann Flowers.
2 Arnold m. ——— Gilmore.
3 Henry.
4 John m. Mary Hull.
5 Amos m. Rebecca Flowers, sister of Ann, his brother Jacob's wife.
6 William m. Eleanor Clark.
7 David m. Malinda Fishel.
8 Elizabeth m. Jesse Williams.
9 Margaret m. Jesse Shafer.
10 Polly Ann m. ——— Welch.

Land Office — Washington, D. C.

Farm bought by Jacob Vanfossan of Alleghenny Co., Pa. in Columbiana Co. Madison Tp., N.W. ¼ Sec. 23, Tp. 10, Range 2. 160 A. $2 per acre. Farm bought through Steubenville U.S. Land Office.

Old map of Columbiana Co., 1841, shows N.W. quarter, Sec. 23, Madison Tp. owned by Jacob VF. Will made May 5, 1840. Admitted to probate 1846 (v 14,121). Nov. 7, 1846—John and David, two sons, filed bill in chancery to prevent sale of farm by executors, Jacob and William. Court ruled against them. Appraisors appointed Feb. 18, 1848. Sold at door of court house for $2,190. 166 99/100 A. bought by John Crawford. A recent map of the county shows the farm cut up into a number of parcels. Rock Camp, small mining village along old Youngstown and Ohio River traction line, a part of it.

Soldier-Revolutionary War

Book—"Official Roster Soldiers of Revolution Buried in Ohio" (in Congressional Library). Record—"Jacob VanFossan, said to be buried VanFossan cemetery. Lived in Madison Tp."

Not able to find a a VanFossan Cemetery. Told by Mrs. Malinda McCormick that he was buried in Township Line graveyard. While I could not find his grave, there are not a few graves unmarked. This graveyard is not far from the farm where he lived and would seem to be his probable burial place.

Children of Jacob and Rose VanFossan — Detail

1 *Jacob,* son of Jacob and Rose, m. Ann Flowers. Jacob charter member Madison Presbyterian Church, organized in 1839. d. 1856. Son Albert Admr. Lived on Wellsville Road in or near West Point, where he owned a small tract of land. Ann lived several years longer. I remember her visits to our home. A slender old lady, sitting by the fire smoking her pipe. This was in the earlier years of the Civil War.

Children of Jacob and Ann

(1) Henry (2) Daniel (3) Mary (4) Margaret (5) Albert (6) Rebecca (7) Thomas Jefferson

Detail

(1) *Henry* b. Nov. 1, 1817. d. May 20, 1908. m. Margaret Dixon of Wellston, O. 1841. b. 1823. d. 1876. Henry went from Columbiana County to Jackson County when a young man, and lived in or near Jackson where he owned considerable property. After the death of his wife he married her sister Martha, and went to the Southwest, where he lived in Oklahoma and Kansas until a short time before his death. He came back to Springfield, Ohio. Is buried at Buckeye, near Jackson.

Children—Six

(a) *Sarah Ann* b. 1846, d. 1933. m. William Sell. Ch: Edgar, Herbert, Benton, Ralph, Albert.
(b) *Mary Jane* b. 1848. d. 1901. m. Frank Sell, brother of William.
A son Charles.
(c) *Frances Emily* b. 1851. d. 1899. m. Sylvester Webster. Son Bruce.
(d) *Margaret Ellen* b. 1855, d. 1885, m. Charles W. Howe. Four daughters: Emily m. James McDaniels; Jettie m. Ellsworth Nichols; Edith m. William J. Davis; Mary m. Balzer Gee.
(e) *Henry Albert* b. 1859. m. Mae Aten.
(f) *Charilla Vienna* b. 1861, d. 1901, m. Charles Smith.

(2) *Daniel,* m. Isadora Collins. Married twice. John and Anna and some other children lived in East Liverpool.

(3) *Mary* m. Jacob VanFossan (first cousin) and son of Arnold.

(4) *Margaret* b. Sept. 17, 1823. d. Feb. 3, 1899. m. Stephen Hickman, b. 1815. d. 1902, Both buried in Clarkson Cemetery.

Children

(a) *Henry* b. 1846, d. 1921, m. Allie Davis.
(b) *Levi* b. 1852, d. 1936, m. Alice Henry.
(c) *George,* b. 1854, m. Sarah Feezel.
(d) *Esther,* b. 1863, d. 1932, m. John Gaston.
(e) *Mary Ann,* b. 1843, d. 1918, m. A. J. Moon.
(f) *Rebecca,* b. 1849, d. 1929, m. Peter Davis.

(5) *Albert* b. May 17, 1825. d. Feb. 14, 1896. m. Ann (Elizabeth Ann), daughter Amos and Rebecca Flowers VanFossan. b. May 27, 1827. d. July 9, 1913. Both bur. Hanover Cemetery.

Children

(a) *Malinda Jane* b. 1845. d. 1917. m. James McCormick. Lived at Wellsville. Both bur. there.

Children

(I) *Anna* b. 1872. d. 1911. m. Tanner Snowden.
(II) *Andrew* b. 1875. m. Cora Peck.
(III) *Laura* b. 1877. d. 1936. m. Frank Clark. Second marriage to Daniel Grafton.

(b) *Daniel Jefferson,* b. Dec. 18, 1846. d. 1913. m. Margaret Transue. d. 1923 or -24. Both bur. at Hanover.

(c) *Elizabeth Ann*, b. Dec. 13, 1851. d. June 7, 1933. m. Judson Haldeman. Both bur.. Grandview Cem. at Salem.

Children

(I) *Emma* b. 1874. m. Robert Lannon.
(II) *Gussie* b. 1876. d. 1910. m. Karl Webster.
(III) *Fannie Elizabeth* b. 1884. m. Augustus E. Harris.

(6) *Rebecca* b. 1827. m. Angus McBane, oldest son of Angus McBane, my grandfather. Children: Daniel, Angus, John, and Martha. All deceased.

(7) *Thomas Jefferson* b. Dec. 3, 1829. d. July 10, 1875. m. Jane McBane, youngest daughter Angus and Nancy (McIntosh) McBane, Dec. 21, 1854, b. May 27, 1837, d. July 19, 1913. Both bur. Hanover Cem.

Children

(a) *William Harvey* b. Nov. 4, 1855 (Detail follows.)
(b) *Nancy Ann* (Annie) b. July 25, 1857. d. Dec. 27, 1879.
(c) *Mary Jane* (Jennie) b. Feb. 25, 1859. d. Oct. 21, 1933. m. Sweard W. Ramsey, June 21, 1884, b. Oct. 18, 1854. d. May 18, 1920. Both bur. Mausoleum, Lisbon. Had lived for many years at Salem.
(e) *Elmer,* b. Apr. 7, 1861. m. Katherine Miller of Cleveland, 1883.
(f) *Angus* b. June 27, 1863. d. in inf.

William Harvey and Eva

Harvey b. Nov. 4, 1855, Glasgow, (Scotch Settlement), m. Eva S. Morris, youngest daughter, Col. Thos. C. and Minerva J. (Preston) Morris, July 25, 1885, at Lisbon. d. July 22, 1948. She was b. Jan. 6, 1862 at Damascus. d. Jan. 13, 1947.

Children

(a) *Elaine Minerva,* b. Aug. 18, 1886. m. Ernest M. Hurd, August 20, 1921 at Libson. Children: Harriet Jean, b. Oct. 11, 1924. m. John Blocksom. Res. Lisbon, O. Robert, b. May 13, 1930. Both at Maplewood, N. J.
(b) *Ernest Harvey* b. Sept. 6, 1888. m. Frances Hawthorne Brady, at Washington, D. C. June 26. Frances, b. June 29, 1896.
(c) *Eva Jean* b. Feb. 5, 1891.
(d) *Lindley Morris,* b. Mar. 9, 1893. m. Lillian Hall of Clinton, Iowa, at Cleveland Heights, Ohio, Feb. 6, 1926. Dau. *Jane* b. July 21, 1931.
(e) *Robert Leland,* b. Nov. 24, 1898, m. Mary Alice Ford of Mansfield, Ohio. July 7, 1934. Mary Alice b. Mar. 17, 1906. Res. Richmond, Va. son—6. Apr. 4, 1944.
(f) *Virginia Preston,* b. Oct. 9, 1907 at Oberlin, Ohio. m. C. Ralph Fletcher of Columbus, Ohio, July 16, 1938. Ralph, b. Feb. 2, 1900; Sons, James Preston, b. Aug. 18, 1939; David. Res. Chagrin Falls, Ohio.

References: For Wm. H. VanFossan and incidentally to family—
1 "History Upper Ohio Valley," v 2, p 249.

2 "Who's Who in Government." Ed. 1930.
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For Ernest H. VF—
1 "Who's Who in America," v 12 and subsequent volumes.
2 "Who's Who in Government," Ed. 1930.

2 *Arnold*—Son Jacob and Rose and probably oldest son m. Gilmore. Arnold, a large man and reputed for his great strength. Will made Aug. 10, 1844, not long before his death.

Children

(1) *Jacob* m. Mary (his cousin)daughter of Jacob and Ann Flowers VF; (2) *Arnold;* (3) *William;* (4) *Jessie;* (5) *Christian;* (6) *Ann;* (7) *Polly,* m. McGovern; (8) *Elizabeth;* (99 *Sarah;* (10) *Susan;* (11) *Joseph;* (12) *Hannah Jane;* (13) *Margaret Peggy,* m. McAllister. Last three by a second wife whose name was Margaret as shown by receipts of the executor.

3 *Henry*—Son of Jacob and Rose.

4 *John*—Son of Jacob and Rose b. 1801. d. Mar. 2, 1884. m. Mary Hull b. 1806. d. Jan. 12, 1889. Both bur. Carlisle Cem. Home, Wellsville road between West Point and Glasgow. Children: *Martin* m. Hester Smith; *Jacob* m. Agnes McBane (See line Jacob and Agnes.) *Reuben* m. Serena Hoyt; *John* m. Duretta Baker; *Oliver* m. Belle Davis; *Milleann* m. John Davidson; *Katherine* m. William McClain; *Belle* m. Joseph Ketchem.

Line Jacob (Son of John) and Agnes

Jacob, b. Aug. 9, 1827. d. Feb. 13, 1896. m. Agnes McBane, May 31, 1855, b. Nov. 19, 1830. d. Dec. 30, 1903. Both bur. Carlisle Cem.

Children

(1) *Nancy* Jane b. Mar. 9, 1856. m. Leonard McLaughlin 1876. Ch: (a) *Franklin* b. 1879. d. 1900; (b) *Helen* b. 1885 m. Bennett O'Brien (c) *Agnes* b. 1893. m. Paul Smith who d. 1931. Second marriage to Harry Wilson.
(2) *Lyman Daniel* b. Nov. 27, 1857. d. Feb. 10, 1929. m. Rachel Ann Walters 1888. b. Jan. 10, 1864. Ch: (a) *Jennie* b. 1883. m. Frank A. Morris. Son Robert Hugh. (b) *Lois Rebecca* b. 1886. d. 1912. (c) *Sadie Permelia* b. 1888.
(3) *Winfield Scott* b. June 12, 1859. m. Lunett Morrison 1885. b. 1861. Ch; (a) *Clara* b. 1885; (b) *Eudora* b. 1888. m. Wallace King; (c) *Marjory* b. 1891. m. F. M. Butler; (d) *Verna* b. 1894. m. A. H. Boulton, Ch: (I) *Richard,* b. (II) Geraldine, (III) Beulah; (e) *Edna* b. 1896. m. F. A. Hawkins. Ch: (I) Frances, (II) Ray, (III) Paul; (f)

Delza b. 1898. m. C. M. Horn. Ch: (I) Wallace; (g) *George* b. 1900. m. Jessie Flowers. Ch: (1) June, (II) Earl, (III) Ralph, (IV) Verna; (h) *Frances* b. 1904. m. E. A. Reed. Ch: (I) Glenn, (II) Wallace.

(4) *Charles Grant.* b. Apr. 22, 1863. m. Sarah Adaline Simkins 1885. b. 1867. Children: (a) *Leota* b. 1886. m. Ralph O. Rogers (b) *Jay* b. 1892. m. Jane Beryl McGaughey. Ch: (I) *Richard,* (II) *Charles,* (III) *William Paul;* (c) *Frank* b. 1898. m. Mary Elizabeth Ewing. Ch: (I) *Robert Ewing,* (II) *Mary Jane;* (d) *Pauline* b. 1903. m. John E. Harriman. Ch: (I) Betty Jean, (II) Sally Adaline.

(5) *Jacob Franklin* b. Apr. 2, 1865. d. Nov. 9, 1902. m. Ella Gilmore 1889. b. 1870. d. 1900. Ch: (a) *Hazel* b. 1891. m. Clyde Davidson; (b) *Bertha* b. 1893 m. Carl Gaston; (c) *Margaret* b. 1895. m. Lloyd Kirk. Second marriage of *Franklin* to Zora Huston 1902. Dau. *Mildred.*

(6) *Emma Katherine* b. Oct. 29, 1867. d. Dec. 27, 1930. m. George Gilmore 1887. Ch: (a) Frank b. 1888 m. Carrie Lodge: (b) Clarence b. 1890. m. Lydia Ruffier; (c) Jacob Raymon b. 1892. m. Eva Crawford; (d) Agnes Lorraine b. 1896. b. George Pfeiffer.

5 *Amos* son of Jacob and Rose. m. Rebecca Flowers, sister of Ann who m. his brother Jacob. Ann who was dau. of Amos m. Albert VanFossan, son of Jacob. Henry and Enos were minor children of Amos for whom a guardian was appointed June 27, 1848. This followed the death of Amos.

6 *William* son of Jacob and Rose, b: Oct. 4, 1810. d. Dec. 10, 1864. m. Eleanor Clark b. 1811, d. 1896. Home Wellsville road between West Point and Glasgow was adjoining that of his brother *John.* Both William and Eleanor and one or two others first buried on the farm. About 1920 remains removed to Yellow Creek Pres. Church Cem. at Glasgow.

Children

(1) *Amy* b. 1832. d. 1916. m. Jonathan Mick 1854. Ch: Mattie, Laura, James, George, Howard, John.

(2) *Joseph* b. 1834. d. 1891. m. Hester Bough. Ch. (a) *Jessie* m. Alva Patterson; (b) *Edith* m. Joseph McDeavitt; (c) *Lillian* m. George Kenty; (d) *Bertha;* (e) *Charles;* (f) *Frank* (the last three unmarried); (g) *Harry* m. Cora Rowley; (h) *Warren* m. Nora Hollinger.

(3) *Mary Ann* b. 1836. d. 1853.

(4) *Jesse* b. 1837. d. 1856. (Drowned when bathing.)

(5) *James* b. 1840, d. 1919. m. Rebecca Ketchem. Civil War veteran. Ch. (a) *James,* (b) *Clarence,* (c) *Martha,* (d) *Pearl.* Second marriage to Mrs. Sarah J. Martin.

(6) *William* b. 1842. d. 1871. Went to Iowa. Two ch.
(7) *Marian* b. 1844. d. 1902 m. William Patterson. Ch: (a) Addie, (b) Elmer, (c) Nellie, (d) Denver, (e) Herman, (f) William.
(8) *Adaline* b. 1846. m. William McClain.
(9) *Martha Eleanor* b. 1848. d. 1903. m. Peter Treffinger.
(10) *Daniel* b. 1851. m. Sarah Ernhart. Lived at Cadiz, Ohio. Ch: (a) *Walter,* (b) *Clyde,* (c) *William,* (d) *George,* (e) *Mary,* (f) *Eleanor.* Clyde m. Jane Hemphill, son Homer.
(11) *Wilson* b. 1854. m. Sophronia Vogan in 1874.

7 *David* son of Jacob and Rose. m. Malinda Fishel.

8 *Elizabeth,* dau. Jacob and Rose. d. Feb. 4, 1840. Age 52 y., 3 m., 22d. "Consort" of Jesse Williams d. May 27, 1853. aged 73 y., 11 m., 9 d. Both bur. Cem. of Madison Pres. Church. Son Jesse m. Eliza Montgomery.

9 *Margaret* dau. Jacob and Rose. m. Jesse Shafer. Son Harvey.

10 *Mary* (Polly) dau. Jacob and Rose. m. Jacob Welch.

Chapter V

DESCENDANTS OF ARNOLD JUNIOR

THE JACKSON COUNTY, OHIO, BRANCH

The following letter, written by William VF of Jackson County and dated July 14, 1931, supplied the clue which placed his branch of the family in the Columbiana County group and among descendants of Jacob (90 above) and his wife. The letter is owned by the author.

> ...My grandfather was William and his wife's name was Elner Shafer before she was married. He was born about 1803 or -4 and died Dec. 16, 1856. Buried in Cedar Grove Cem., Cove, Ohio. He had a brother named Arnold for I have heard my Father speak frequently of his Uncle Arnold as being a very strong man.
>
> My grandparents came to southern Ohio about 1847-8 and located on the farm on which I live at present. Before coming here they had lived on his father's farm near Wellsville. Henry VF, a cousin of my father's was the first VF to come to Jackson County. He lived here before my grandparents came, and I think came from the same county as they did—Columbiana. Henry's wife's name was Margaret Dixon, daughter of Samuel Dixon. I do not know his father's name.
>
> (signed) William VanFossen

Records in the Jackson County Recorder's office show that Henry bought 40 A. in Scioto Tp. and sold it in 1848 to William, who had moved to Jackson County from Columbiana the previous year. Henry then bought 160 A. in 1848-49. In 1857 he and his wife Margaret sold all of their land "except four rods square where the town house stands, as long as it is used for a house." In 1862 they sold their lots in Jackson. In 1864 Henry VF and Joseph Dixon were executors for the estate of S. Dixon. Margaret d. June 27, 1876. (See Chap. 4, Part 2.)

William (*96 above*) b. Jan. 26, 1804, m. Nov. 3, 1825, Eleanor Shafer, daughter of Andrew Shafer, in Columbiana Co. According to the letter of his grandson (quoted above) they lived on his father's farm near Wellsville. In 1847-8 they removed to Jackson County and soon after bought 40 A. of land in Scioto Tp. 6½ m. southwest of Jackson on the Jack-

son-Petersburg Pike. This land is still owned by William's descendants.

Children of William and Eleanor Shafer VF:

1 Samuel (172) m. Mary Bennett.

Children

A—Drusilla M. (173) m. Peter Beatty. No ch.
B—Louisa (174) m. (1) John Garrett. Ch: a—Jefferson, b—David, c—Damon, d—John, e—Oakley, f—Ida.
She m. (2) William Warren. Ch: g—William Jr., h—Mary, m. William Hatton.
C—George (175) b. July 1880. Unm.
D—Bennett (176) b. Apr. 18, 1884. Unm. Res. Cove, Ohio.

2 Joseph (177) b. 1828.

3 Andrew (178) m. Feb. 23, 1853, Mary Ann Henderson. In 1863 Andrew and Mary Ann VF sold 40 A. of land. They went to Iowa, but did not unload their wagon before returning to Ohio. Later they removed to Missouri.

Children

A—Son (179) nicknamed "Doc," m. Louise ———, St. Joseph, Mo.
B—Mary (180).
C—Louise (181).
D—Samuel (182).

4 George S. (183) b. Aug. 16, 1835 in Columbiana Co.

5 Zaccheus (184) m. Aug. 19, 1867, Rachel R. House. Lived in Jackson until 1887. Removed to Illinois.

Children

A—Lindsay (185) m. Mary Shively of Waverly, Ohio.
B—May (186) m. ——— Young. Res. Kansas.
C—Mary (187).
D—Wilson (188).

6 William (189) b. 1839; d. 1949.

7 Nancy Ann (190) Unm. d. about 1900, Cove, Ohio.

8 Margaret Ellen (191) m. Oct. 20, 1866, George A Stewart. Illinois-Kansas.
Ch: A—Dau.————B & C—(twins) George and Ed; D—Son ———.

9 Jane (192) m. Joseph Dixon. Wellston, Ohio.
Ch. A—William; B—Moore

10 Elizabeth (193) m. James Maloney, Jackson, Ohio.
Ch: A—William; B—Jane; C—James; D—Fannie; E—Margaret; F—Dora.

Joseph (177 above) m. June 3, 1856. Mary Weston from Penna. He d. about 1906.

Children

1 Margaret (194) b. 1857. m. Sept. 8, 1883, Abraham L. Gullett. No. Ch.

2 Savanna (195) b. 1858. m. July 31, 1881, James E. Swan, Cove, O.

Children

A—Charles, m. Daisy Miller, Jackson, O.
B—Presley, m. Getta Faught, Detroit, Mich.
C—Mary, m. Robert Sears, Jackson, O.
D—Bertha, m. Claude Elliott.

3 Elizabeth (196) b. 1860, m. Feb. 23, 1884, Joseph Hoover, Jackson, O.
Ch: A—Arthur; B— Emma; C—Frank; D—Fannie; E—Nat.

4 George W. (197) b. 1863. m. Nov. 23, 1891, Winnie A. Miller. Jackson, O. He d. 1935.

Children

A—Mabel (198) b. Mar. 25, 1893. m. Nov. 17, 1920, Jacob H. Woolen, aged 26 y. Oak Hill. They res. Jackson, O.
Ch: a—June; b—Courtney; c—Lee Miller.

B—Miller (199) b. 1898. m. ———. Res. Oakhill Pike, Jackson, O.
Ch: a—Betty Jane (200).

C—Clara Maud (201) b. Feb. 15, 1901. m. Nov. 19, 1925, William Preston Turner, Jackson, O.
Ch: a—Richard; b—Martha Ann.

5 Fannie (202) m. Thomas Daugherty.
Ch: A—Fred; B—William. Both unm.

6 William (203) b. 1866.

7 Emmett (204) b. Mar. 20, 1870. m. Zue James. No ch. Beaver, O.

8 John (205) b. Dec. 3, 1872. m. June 3, 1902, Minnie Kaufman, b. Dec. 5, 1875, dau. of Adam Kaufman. Jackson, O. He d. 1934.
Ch: A—Walter (206) m. Dorothy Deemer; B—Omer (207) m. Neva Conn; C—Edna (208) Unm. Zanesville, O.

9 Jessie (209) m. Charles Harper, Jackson, O.
Ch: A—Florence, b. 1915. Unm. Teacher, Jackson, O.

William (*203 above*) m. Theresa Tope. Lived on farm of 324 A. on the Jackson-Petersburg Pike, 6½ m. southwest of Jackson, part of it being the original land owned by his father and grandfather. He d. about 1935.

Children

1 Heber (210) b. Apr. 3, 1896. m. Aug. 23, 1922, Louella Kerns, b. 1895.
Ch. A—Mary E. (211) b. 1923; B—Henrietta (212) b. 1925; C—Thelma Jane (213) b. 1926; D—Heber Wayne (214) b. 1930.

2 Jesse (215) b. Sept. 28, 1902; m. Mabel Lesser.
Ch: A—Margaret Ann (216).

3 Mary (217) b. Mar. 19, 1899. m. 1919, Cecil Johnson. Res. Portsmouth, Ohio.
Ch: A—Carl, b. 1920; B—Ruth E. b. 1922; C—Raymond, b. 1924; D—Anna Lee, b. 1926.
4 William (218) b. Sept. 28, 1903. m. Oct. 30, 1925, Verna Butler.
Ch: A—Louise (219) b. 1926; B—Betty (220) b. 1930.
5 Ruth (221) b. 1912. m. 1934, William C. Miller, Jackson, O.
Ch: A—Kenneth Ross, b. 1938.

George S. (*183 above*) m. Mar. 4, 1862, Rachel M. Farrar. Res. Cove, Ohio. He d. Aug. 24, 1895. Bur. Wesley Grove Cem., Cove, O.

A "Resolution of Respect" to George S. VF was spread on the minutes of Scioto Grange, No. 1234, P. of H., Cove, O. under date of Sept. 10, 1895. It was signed by William VF, D. H. Armstrong, and David Hayes.

Children

1 Emma (222) b. Feb. 11, 1863. m. Sept. 25, 1880, Rufus Sampson.

Children

A—Charles, m. Emma Shelby, Circleville, O.
B—George, m. Carrie Stout, Circleville, O.
C—Harry, m. Bessie Norris, Columbus, O.

2 Ella Belle (223) b. Jan. 11, 1865 m. Apr. 22, 1888, George N. House, Wellston, O. (He was a brother of Rachel R. House, wife of Zaccheus VF.)

Children

A—Audra, m. Frank Clark, Glenroy, O.; B—Homer, Unm. Lorain, O.
C—Charles, m. Ray Banker, Newark, O.; D—Nathan, m. Fay Broyles, Wellston, O.
E—Glendon, unm.; F—Edwin, m. Lillian Elkins, Columbus, O.
G—Miles, m. Marcena Spriggs, Glenroy, O.

3 Thomas Jefferson (224) b. Nov. 22, 1866.
4 Harvey Wellington (225) b. Aug. 27, 1868.
5 Sophia (226) b. Dec. 24, 1875. m. (1) June 3, 1899, Emanuel H. Wiant, b. 1871. She m. (2) William Kanode, Circleville, O.
Ch: A—Eva M.
6 Alta (227) b. 1883. m. ——— White, Circleville, O.

Thomas Jefferson (*224 above*) m. Nov. 4, 1888, Lena Shear, b. Nov. 14, 1868. He d. Oct. 22, 1905. Bur. Salem Cem., Cove, O.

Children

1 Charles Arthur (228) b. June 22, 1889. m. Feb. 25, 1913, Katherine Martin, b. 1891.

Ch: A—Charles Martin (229) b. Sept. 23, 1918.

2 Franklin H. (230) b. Jan 10, 1893. m. Nov. 1, 1922, Mrs. Pearl Gray.

3 Alph M. (231) b. June 2, 1896. m. 1921, Ethel A. Warren, b. June 16, 1899. Res. Springfield, O.

4 Mary B. (232) b. Nov. 1, 1899. Unm.

Harvey Wellington (*225 above*) m. (1) Sept. 22, 1890 at Jackson, O., Louida J. Armstrong. He m. (2) Feb. 8, 1895 at Elkhart, Ill., Margaret Blankenship, b. June 22, 1878 at Elkhart. Removed to Devils' Lake, Ramsey Co., N. D. Grain buyer. He d. Dec. 3, 1939.

Children of Harvey and Margaret VF:

1 Virgil R. (233) b. July 26, 1896, Springfield, Ill. m. Sept. 15, 1925 at Breckenridge, Minn., Marie Genevieve Hogan. Res. Devils Lake, N. D.

Children

A—Robert Virgil (234) b. Sept. 24, 1926.

B—Doris Marie (235) b. Sept. 29, 1930.

C—Shirley Ann (236) b. Apr. 14, 1934.

2 Archie C. (237) b. Oct. 8, 1898; d. Nov. 10, 1905.

3 Velma D. (238) b. June 20, 1903. m. Mar. 28, 1926, Glen D. Kerns.

4 Dorothy E. (239) b. Sept. 18, 1905; m. July 26, 1928, Bert T. Thompson.

5 Merle Beatrice (240) b. Mar. 2, 1914; m. Sept. 5, 1937, Roger C. Williams.

Chapter VI

DESCENDANTS OF ARNOLD JUNIOR; ARNOLD III OF MARYLAND

AMOS AND THE MORGAN COUNTY, OHIO, BRANCH

Arnold III (*82 above*) m. Sept. 3, 1760, Elizabeth Casselberry, daughter of Paul and Margaret Adams Casselberry, and granddaughter of Henry and Catherine Casselberry, early settlers of Germantown and pioneers of Skippack and Perkiomen Tp. Arnold and Elizabeth were married in Old Swedes Church in Philadelphia. (Penna. Arch. Ser. 3, v 8.) The next year, Nov. 20, 1761, his father Arnold bought a tract of 336 A. of land on the east side of Skippack Creek at its confluence with the Perkiomen. Arnold III and Elizabeth evidently moved onto this place and made it their home. In the will of his father, Arnold, made Feb. 6, 1769, and probated soon after, he mentions this tract "which my son Arnold holds by deed," and orders it to be appraised and the valuation "to be paid by my son Arnold to my other heirs." Arnold and Elizabeth Casselberry VF mortgaged this land on Feb. 21, 1772, evidently for the purpose of raising the money to pay off the other heirs.

Meanwhile about 1765, Arnold III and his older brother Henry (81) had bought claims for three 300 A. tracts of timber land in the mountainous part of Cumberland Co. (now Perry) Penna. near the site where Duncannon was later settled. Timber land in this section was purchased as an investment for the purpose of cutting logs to be rolled down the mountain-sides into the Susquehanna River and floated to the saw-mills. Further corroboration is found in a letter written Mar. 15, 1882 by Ezra VF of Clay Center, Kansas, a great-grandson of Arnold III.

> It is the tradition of our family that one of our ancestors, Nathan by name, when a young man engaged in the lumber business on the Susquehanna River.*

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*Nathan was the brother of Ezra's grand-father, Ezra Sr., and both were sons of Arnold III.

The brothers Henry (81) and Arnold III (82) petitioned to have their tracts officially surveyed and in 1773, a letter was sent from Carlile, stating that the papers were ready. Arnold had two claims and on Dec. 2, 1782 he sold one to Israel Jacobs, his neighbor in Providence Tp. who was one of the appraisers of his father's farm.

I, Arnold VF of Tp. of Providence, for five shillings to me paid by Israel Jacobs of Providence, do sell and release to him my claim in a certain application, dated Dec. 27, 1766, to take up 300 acres adjoining Joseph Junkins, the claim of John McCoy, and a mountain on Dick's Hill in the County of Cumberland.

Witnessed by Thomas Rees and Ezra VF. Thirty years later this deed, or release to Israel Jacobs needed verification, and Arnold III's oldest son, Amos, was able to make the necessary affirmation. At the bottom of the page of this document is found:

On the 23 day of March, 1812, came before me, a justice (Benj. Markley) of Montgomery (County) Amos VF, son of the within named Arnold VF, the grantor, who being duly affirmed by law, deposes and says that he is acquainted with the handwriting of his father and also that of his brother, Ezra VF, and that the name of Arnold VF, subscribed to the Deed Poll (as the grantor thereof) is in his father's own handwriting as he verily believes, and that the name of Ezra VF ...is of his brother Ezra's own handwriting as he verily believes. In conformity thereof the said deponent hath hereunto subscribed his own name. (Signed) Amos VanFossen.
Benj. Markley (Seal of Office) Phila Deed Bk.

In 1769 Arnold is listed with 300 A., 2 horses, 3 cows, paying tax of £20-0-0. In 1774, 300 A., 1 horse, 4 cows, tax £17-12-0. In 1779 he was assessed double tax—£19 and £4-15-0. In 1780 he had a valuation of £4,400, tax £115-10-0. This is the last year he is listed in Penna. as a taxpayer. Dec. 2, 1782 he sold one of his timber claims to Israel Jacobs, and probably soon after he and his family removed to Frederick Co., Maryland. Arnold and Elizabeth Casselberry VF had six or seven children: [See letter of his grandson, William VF (445).]

Children

1 Amos (241) b. Apr. 11, 1761.
2 Ezra (242).
3 Nathan (243) b. Jan. 7, 1771 "near Philadelphia."

4 Levi (244) b. Oct. 1, 1772.
5 Hannah (245) No record.
6 Mary (246) m. June 19, 1791, John Miller. (Frederick Co. Marriages.)
7 Possibly a son, who was "a wholesale merchant in Philadelphia."

The 1790 census lists Arnold in Frederick Co., Maryland with 3 males over 16, 5 males under 16, 2 females, and 1 slave. The 1800 census lists him in Libertytown District, Frederick Co., with 1 male over 45 and 1 female over 45. As he was not listed in 1810, he was probably deceased or living with a relative. These figures call for some explanation, or at least a supposition, as to what had become of the large family listed in 1790 by the time of the 1800 census. One possibility is that the family of a son or daughter had been staying at his home in 1790.

Amos (*241 above*) m. about 1781, Ann Rittenhouse. Their Family Bible, now in possession of Mr. Dorsey Ward, Baltimore, Md., (son of Minerva VF, who m. Nov. 17, 1845, John E. Ward; and grandson of Levi and Susanna Lease VF) gives the following record:

Children

1 Mary (247) b. Feb. 18, 1782.
2 Susana (248) b. Dec. 25, 1783.
3 William (249) b. Dec. 17, 1785.
4 Hannah (250) b. Oct. 26, 1787.
5 Nathan (251) b. Mar. 15, 1790; m. Nov. 16, 1811, Jemima Stevens. (Frederick Co. Marriages.)
6 Abigail (252) b. Dec. 4, 1792.
7 Tacy (253) b. June 3, 1797; d. Aug. 2, 1799.
8 George (254) b. Aug. 2, 1800; d. Sept. 5, 1800.
9 Amos Jr. (255) b. Dec. 26, 1801.

In 1783, Amos was taxed in Providence Tp. Montgomery Co., Penna. for 1 cow. (Penna. Arch.) The 1790 census lists him as Head of a Family in Montgomery Co., with 1 male over 16, a male under 16, 4 females. By 1796 he had removed to Frederick Co., Maryland, for at that time he is recorded as a voter in the Presidential election, supporting the Democrat-Republican ticket. (Maryland Records, Brumbaugh; v 1, p 295.)

No records of Amos' descendants are available with the exception of Amos Jr. (255 above) who came to Morgan

County, Ohio, and two indentures naming "Nathan of Morgan County" as a party:

Amos Jr. probably lived in New Market District, Frederick County, Maryland which was the home of others of his family. He married Aug. 7, 1823, Margaret Ann Burnside, b. Mar. 20, 1807, and they remained in Frederick County until about 1831, when with their four small children, they came over the old National Road, intending to locate farther west, possibly near Chillicothe or Cincinnati. But finding themselves with but a shilling-12½ cents—in cash besides their horse and wagon, they decided to stop at Muttonburg, Bristol Tp., Morgan Co. By occupation, Amos was a shoe-maker.

On July 14, 1832 in consideration of $20, Amos bought one-fifth acre of land in Bristol Tp. from Thos. Stevens. (Bk D-501) Another land transaction the next year concerns the family.

Know all men by these presents that we, John Hall and Ann, my wife of the County of Muskingum, State of Ohio...in consideration of $55...to us paid by Nathan VF of the County of Morgan...do sell... to the said Nathan VF...a certain tract of land...in Muskingum County...being the north end of the N. W. quarter of Sec. 27, T. 12, R 11 . . . containing 40 acres.

Signed on Sept. 6, 1833. (Muskingum Co. Deed Bk O-237.)

This land is in the south central part of Meigs Tp. just east of Young Hickory. An indenture is recorded on Nov. 27, 1835, showing the sale of this tract by Nathan to his brother, Amos Jr. who was then living in Muskingum County, probably on this farm, (Muskingum Co. Deed Bk Q-260). Two years later Nov. 18, 1837, Amos Jr. leased 30 acres in Morgan County from Rebecca Strahl. About 1839-40 he removed to Windsor Tp., though County records show that members of the VF family were living in Bristol Tp. for many years after. He d. May 12, 1891. She d. Mar. 9, 1881, aged 73 yrs. 11 mos., 20 days.

Ch. of Amos Jr. (255 above) and Ann Burnside VF:

1 William (256) twin, b. July 15, 1824. d. in inf.
2 Joseph (257) b. July 15, 1824.
3 Draper (258) b. Sept. 14, 1826. Unm. d. Sept. 14, 1908. He was a carpenter and wood worker and helped hew the timber and build many of the covered bridges in the county.

4 Ann (259) b. Oct. 19, 1829. Unm. She was listed as an "original member of the Stockport Pres. Church, organized June 3, 1876 (in Windsor Tp.)" (History of Morgan Co., p 413.) She was a milliner and worked at this trade in Bristol and later in Stockport.
5 James William (260) b. Mar. 2, 1831.
6 Caleb (261) b. Oct. 6, 1833.
7 Mary (262) b. Dec. 6, 1836; d. 1850.
8 Wilson—"Doc" (263) b. Apr. 1, 1839. m. Etta Nunnemacher. d. 1910. He learned the blacksmith trade from his brother William. Also he and his brother Draper used to go with drovers taking hogs and cattle to Pittsburgh, and sometimes on to Baltimore. He removed to Missouri, and later to What Cheer, Iowa.
Ch: A—Glenn (264), m. Cora Harris. Res. What Cheer, Ia. Ch: a—(265); b—(266); c—(267).
9 Amos (268) b. July 8, 1842. d. in inf.
10 Emma (269) b. July 7, 1843. m. William Newsome.
Ch: A—Charles, b. Feb. 1877. m. Alice McNichols, Pennsville, O. B—Viola, b. 1885. m. Edgar Conn. Bayard, O.
11 Harriet (270) b. Sept. 17, 1846. m. John C. Sanders, Deep River, Iowa.
Ch: A—Margaret. Res. Des Moines, Ia. B—Mary. Res. Fort Collins, Colo. C—Marquis. Res. Pasadena, Cal. D—Aquilla. Res. Fort Collins, Colo.
12 Aquilla Burnside (271) b. Nov. 13, 1850.

Joseph (*257 above*) m. (1) Jan. 13, 1848, Kitty Ann Beal. Res. Windsor Tp.

Ch: 1 Amos (272); 2 Jasper (273) Unm.; 3 Mary (274) Unm. Joseph m. (2) Feb. 27, 1868, Elizabeth Stevens.

Children

4 Emma (275) m. William Farnsworth. Res. Roxbury, O.
5 Rebecca C. (276) b. Nov. 28, 1872. m. Ellsworth Mosure. Ch: A—Ernest; B—Francia.
6 Wilson G. (277) b. Dec. 28, 1874. m. ——— McGirr. Res. Chesterhill, O.
7 David (278). .

Amos (*272 above*) m. Feb. 23, 1871, Caroline Wallace. Res. Windsor Tp.

Children

1 ——— (279) d. in inf.
2 Clara (280) b. Feb. 22, 1874. m. Richard Starling. Res. Windsor Tp.
Ch: A—Lowell.
3 ——— (281) b. May 28, 1877.
4 Laura (282) b. Jan. 5, 1880. m. Feb. 4, 1899, William T. Morris,

aged 21, son of Joseph and Elizabeth Wood Morris. Res. Stockport, O.

David (*278 above*) m. Linnie Jane Basom. Res. Stockport, O.

Children

1 Donald (283) m. Margery Newberry.
2 Margaret Leah (284) b. Apr. 30, 1903. m. Feb. 23, 1923, Dale Woodyard, b. Feb. 23, 1902, son of Albert O. Woodyard.

James William (*260 above*) m. Cordelia Barker. He followed the blacksmith trade at Bristol until 1852, when he removed to Deep River, Iowa. It is probable that he helped build some of the early threshing machines in Morgan County, as relatives there have among their tools (1932) an old "Sampson block" which he used to hold the dies to cut the threads on the stems and bits of the early drilling machines.

Children

1 Elmer (285) m. Jennie Taylor.

Children

A—Mabel (286) m. Rollin Troth, Montezuma, Ia. 3 ch.
B—Roy (287). No record; C—Ora (288). No record.

2 Conn (289) m. Myrtle Rinehart. Res. Deep River, Ia.
Ch: A—Edith (290); B—Bernice (291); C—Euratice (292).
3 Albert (293) Unm.
4 Cherry (294) m. Florence Wolf. Res. Sharon, Ia.
Ch: A—Hester Cordelia (295).
5 Lucetta (296) m. Albert Greer. Res. Grinnell, Ia.
Ch: A—Ruby; B—Homer.
6 Augustus (297) m. Julia Echard. Res. Deep River, Ia.
Ch: A—Hazel (298) m. Lewis Reck. Res. Deep River, Ia.
Ch: a—Gerald.

Caleb (*261 above*) m. Nov. 3, 1859, Margaret Tompkins. Res. Stockport, O.

Children

1 Draper (299) b. Sept. 8, 1860. m. (1) Apr. 15, 1885, Sarah E. Hann. He m. (2) Jan. 8, 1920, Annie L. Pidgeon. Res. Penn Tp.
2 Frank (300) m. Feb. 22, 1897, Ollie Scott.

Children

A—Margaret O. (301) b. Feb. 24, 1898. m. Aug. 6, 1919, John L. McKitrick, b. July 2, 1897, son of Robt. H. McKitrick. Res. Ringgold, O.
B—Samuel C. (302) b. June 5, 1903. m. Aug. 31, 1926, Myla

Elizabeth Dougan, b. May 11, 1905, dau. of J. F. and Lena King Dougan.

Aquilla Burnside (*271 above*) m. Oct. 12, 1876, Lavina E. Thompson. Res. Windsor Tp. He d. Aug. 4, 1928.

Children

1 James William (303) b. Sept. 10, 1877.
2 Fred (304) b. Nov. 15, 1878. Unm.
3 Harriet (305) b. Jan. 7, 1880; d. Dec. 13, 1929. Unm.
4 John A. (306) b. Dec. 22, 1882.
5 Jesse (307) b. Feb. 2, 1888; d. in inf.
6 Lucy (308) b. Jan. 12, 1890. m. May 29, 1918, Riley S. Dougan, b. Jan. 4, 1872.
Ch: A—Louis; B—Riley S. Jr.; C—Mary.
7 Lee (309) b. June 18, 1891. m. Nov. 17, 1915, Grace McAnnulty, b. July 6, 1891 in Braddock, Pa., dau. of J. R. and Carrie Riecker McAnnulty.
Ch: A—Helen Grace (310) d. in inf.; B—Edna Lee (311).
8 Charles (312) b. Aug. 26, 1894 m. Nora Underwood.

James William (*303 above*) m. July 6, 1901, Madge Kirby, aged 26, daughter of John R. and Jane Matson Kirby. He was a clerk and later, owner of a general store at Pennsville, O.

Ch: 1 Myers (313) m. Golda Waggoner. Owner of Windy Hill Poultry Ranch, Pennsville, O.

Children

A—Helen Lea (314); B—Jane Ann (315); C—Sarah Sue (316); D—James William (317).

John A. (*306 above*) m. Oct. 21, 1919, Agnes B. Coulson, b. Nov. 3, 1892, daughter of Grant and Stella Metcalf Coulson.

Ch: 1 Willard Lee (318); 2 Esther Mae (319); 3 Stella Lou (320).

Chapter VII

DESCENDANTS OF ARNOLD JUNIOR; ARNOLD III OF MARYLAND

EZRA, AND THE CARROLL, BUTLER, AND SHELBY COUNTIES, OHIO, BRANCHES

Ezra VF (242 above) was the son of Arnold and Elizabeth Casselberry VF, and was born in Montgomery Co., Penna., about 1765. The first mention of his name in the Penna. Archives occurs in a "Return of White Males of Providence Tp. Montgomery Co., Penna., 1785. Capt. Arnold Francis, Sgt. Leonard Vanfuson; Class 1st, Ezrae Van Fusson." (Pa. Arch. Ser. 6, v 3, p 1338.)"Return of White Males of Lower District of Providence, 1786; Ezra Vanfosen." (Pa. Arch., Ser. 6, v 3, p 728.)

His name also appears as witness on a deed signed by his father Arnold, 1782. In some way he was missed in the 1790 census, but in 1796 he is listed as a voter in Frederick County, Maryland in the Presidential election of 1796, when he supported the Federalist ticket (Maryland Records, Brumbaugh, v 1,281).

He was a blacksmith by trade, and according to family tradition, married an "Irish spinster." *

It is known that they had at least four children; probably five.

1 Jesse (321) b. Nov. 14, 1787.
2 Nathan (322) b. about 1790.
3 Susan (323) b. 1797. m. William Morrison. Res. near Pisgah, Butler Co., Ohio.
4 Levi (324) b. 1798.
5 Probably Martha (325) who m. Dec. 29, 1820, William Gaston. (Butler County, O. Marriage Records)

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*"Spinster—Formerly a title given to unmarried women of the gentle classes from a viscount's daughter down, and often retained by them on their marriage, particularly when the husband was not of the gentry. Its use survived in America later than in England." (Webster's Unabridged Dictionary.)

Note: The following letter is owned by the editor:

In 1884 I went to California for a short stay only and then it was I met a very pleasant old gentleman by the name of Morrison who resembled my father very much, and wanted to know about my family. I wrote to my father and found that my grandfather, Jesse VF, had a sister who married a Morrison. So this Mr. Morrison was my father's cousin. He had two sons who may yet be living in Santa Maria. The oldest one is George.

(Signed) Frank Kinnear VF, Bellflower, Cal. 1935.

In the Pisgah Pres. Cem., are the following inscriptions on tomb stones: "Susan Morrison, died 11-23-1873, aged 76 years, 2 months." "William Morrison, died 7-3-1870, aged 86 years, 2 months, 21 days."

Ezra and his family left Washington County, Penna. in 1806-8, where descendants in Mechanicsburg, Ohio, say he kept the Roogalley Tavern. It is possible that he may have have lived near Marietta, Ohio for a while. In 1815-16 he removed to Pisgah, Union Tp., Butler County. On November 26, 1828, he bought 40 acres in the N. E. quarter of Sec. 8, Tp. 3, R. 2 from his son, Nathan, who had probably bought it originally through the Cincinnati Land Office, though no record of this sale has been found. Ezra made a cash payment of $166.00. (Butler County Deed Bk. O, p 340) Twelve years later, July 23, 1840, he sold it to his grandson, Ezra Jr. (Ibid Bk. 9, p 147)

The sale of a farm in Shelby County to his son, "Jesse Sen'r," is recorded in that county:

Know all men by these present, that I, Ezra VF of the County of Carroll, State of Ohio. . . . in consideration of the sum of $1,000 paid by Jesse VF Sen'r, of the aforesaid County and State . . . do hereby sell . . . to the aforesaid Jesse Sen'r, his heirs and assigns forever . . . . the land . . . in Shelby County, being the west half of the northwest Quarter, of Sec. 22 N., in Tp. 7, R. 7 east, containing 80 acres . . . 23 day of April, 1842. (Shelby Co. Deed Bk. K, 396)

The Letters of Administration of his estate which were filed Oct. 19, 1853 supply some of the details of the last years of his life. William Morrison, husband of his daughter Susan, personally appeared before James Middleton, J. P. on ——30, 1853, and presented his bill for the care of Ezra:

Ezra VanFossen, deceased: to William Morrison, Dr.

To boarding, lodging, clothing, washing, and taking care of during the last two years and two months of the last days of his life at $2 per week		$224.00
Expenses in moving him to my house		12.00
Funeral		12.00
		$248.00
Credit by note for monies previously received	$100.00	
Interest, Justice fees, etc.	18.00	
	$118.00	118.00
Total amount justly due William Morrison		$130.00

(Butler County Administration, No. O, 1889. File box, 73)

His tombstone could not be found in the pioneer cemetery where the Morrison family are buried. This cemetery is located one-half mile south of the village of Pisgah in a wooded lot. The church was torn down in 1881.

Jesse (*321 above*) m. Sarah Donaldson, daughter of David Donaldson, probably in Pennsylvania. They came to Carroll County, Ohio soon after their marriage and settled on a farm in East Tp. (History of Carroll and Harrison Cos.) Jesse's son Ezra stated in a letter written to his son Horace in 1882, that Jesse moved to Columbiana County, Ohio in 1821 and died there in 1866.

Children

1 Jane (326) b. Apr. 23, 1812. m.———Whitla, Res. Minnesota.

Children

A—Agnes, m.———Peoples. Res. Detroit, Mich.
B—William, New Lexington, O.
C—Jesse, Minister, Minnesota.

2 Levi (327) b. Dec. 16, 1813 in Washington Co., Pa.
3 David (328) b. Apr. 9, 1815.
4 Ezra (329) b. May 28, 1817.
5 Jesse J. (330) b. May 13, 1819.
6 Mary (331) b. Feb. 10, 1821. m. John Foster. 4 ch. Res. Tama, Iowa.
7 Rebecca (332) b. Mar. 11, 1823. m. John Boice, brother of David's wife, Eleanor. Res. Bellaire, Ohio.
8 Robert (333) b. Nov. 25, 1825.

Levi (*327 above*) m. Sept. 10, 1835 in Columbiana Co., O., Eleanor G. Donaldson. Res. Fox Tp. Carroll Co. O. He d. 1867.

Children

1 Rebecca (334) b. Jan. 17, 1845. m. (1) Jan. 7, 1867, Samuel Hosack.

Children

A—Lawrence, b. Sept. 23, 1869. Res. Cleveland, Ohio.
B—Ona T., b. Nov. 27, 1873. Res. Alliance, Ohio.
C—Mary Ada, b. Dec. 9, 1882. Res. Cleveland, Ohio.
D—William Eaton, b. June 2, 1879. Res. Mechanicstown, Ohio.

Rebecca m. (2) in her 80th year, John W. Joy, post master at Mechanicstown.

2 Levi (335) b. 1847. Unm. Res. Mechanicstown, O.
3 Esther (336) b. 1852. m. William Price. After death of her husband, she kept house for her brother, Levi.

David (*328 above*) m. Apr. 9, 1838, Eleanor Boice, b. Apr. 15, 1815 in Penna., dau. of John Boice and sister of John Boice, husband of Rebecca VF. Res. East Tp., Carroll Co.

At the breaking out of the Civil War, David enlisted in Co. A., 32 O. V. I., at which time he held the rank of Corporal. They were sent South where he died of disease Mar. 21, 1862 in Beverly, W. Va. He is buried in Glade Run Cem., Carroll Co. Politically, he was first a Whig, then a Free-Soiler, afterwards a Democrat, and finally a Republican. He was a strong Abolitionist and took a zealous interest in the liberation of the slaves. (History of Harrison and Carroll Cos.)

Ch. of David and Eleanor Boice VF:

1 Jesse (337) b. 1840.
2 Mary Jane (338) b. 1841. m. Daniel Campbell. She d. 1883. He d. 1885.

Children

A—David Howard, b. Feb. 21, 1866. m. 1891, Emma Cavitt. He d. 1926. Descendants live at Carrollton and Alliance, O., and in Penna.
B—John E., b. Aug. 14, 1867. m. 1904, Charlotte Rose. He d. 1926.
C—Cora Idella, b. May 1, 1869. m. 1889, F. E. McCausland. d. Mar. 30, 1926. Descendants live Homeworth, Akron, Sebring, Alliance, and Paris, Ohio.
D—Mary C., b. June 7, 1871. m. 1893, R. S. Snively. Descendants live in Mechanicstown and Carrollton, O.
E—Eleanor B., b. Apr. 30, 1875. m. 1897, E. V. Weir. She d. Mar. 1906.

3 John Boice (339) b. Dec. 29, 1844.
4 Robert D. (340) m. Sarah Ann Sharp. Res. East Liverpool, O.

Children

A—John J. (341) m. 1916, Sarah J. McKenty. He d. June 19, 1906.
a—Sarah (342); b—Ruth (343).

B—Delbert (344) Unm.
C—Mary (345), Unm. She d. 1913.
D—Austin (346).

5 Ebenezer (347) d. in inf.

6 Sarah Rebecca (348) unm. Res. Mechanicstown, Ohio, and Old Ladies Home, Wilkinsburgh, Pittsburgh, Ohio. She d. Feb. 1937.

7 Austin Rollin (349) b. June 4, 1856. m. S. Caroline Clark at Bloomington, Ind. Pres. minister. Res. Homestead, and Erie, Penna., and Winona Lake, Ind. He d. Feb. 3, 1921.

Children

A—Bronson (350) b. May 22, 1883. m. Maude Maybee, Erie, Penna.
Ch.: a—Grace (351) m. Joseph Ney, Warsaw, Ind.

B—Raymond (352) b. Apr. 24, 1889. m. Alphia Johnson, Chicago, Ill.

C—Ernest C. (353) b. Jan. 26, 1891. Res. Winona Lake, Ind.

John Boice (*339 above*) m. 1870, Christiana George, dau. of Thomas George of Carroll Co.

John Boice VF spent his boyhood days on the farm and in attending the common schools of the neighborhood. In 1861, at the age of 17 years, he enlisted in Co. I., 98th O. V. I., becoming Sergeant and serving as such until the close of the war. He was with Sherman in his march to the sea and participated in all the battles in which his regiment fought, commencing with Perryville. He was not wounded although rifle bullets passed through his clothing, and was never in the hospital—in fact, was at no time absent from his regiment. On June 1, 1865, he received an honorable discharge and returned to his native county and the scenes of peace.

Having decided on improving his education which had been interfered with by the breaking out of War, he attended Harlem Academy for a time, and soon thereafter commenced teaching—a profession he followed in the County for several winters—the summers being devoted to the duties of the farm. In 1885 he was elected treasurer of Carroll County and was re-elected in 1887. In politics he is a stanch Republican; is much respected in his community; and recognized as one of the leading representative men of his County. He and his family are members of the U. P. church. (History of Harrison and Carroll Cos.)

Ch. of John Boice and Christiana George VF:

1 David George (354) b. May 28, 1871. m. Mar. 11, 1893, Mary F. Johnson at Washington, Penna. She was b. Feb. 8, 1875 at Willow Island, W. Va. She d. Nov. 1937. Res. Cleveland, O. One son, John Roth (355) b. Feb. 1, 1894 at Washington, Penna. m. (1) Aug. 23, 1923 at Shelby, Mich., Marion F. Hauck. No ch. m. (2) Carolina Jerome. Res. Cleveland Heights, O.

2 Sarah Geraldine (356) b. May 15, 1875. m. July 10, 1901, Rev. F. Scott McBride, D.D.
"Francis Scott McBride, Anti Saloon League Supt., b. Carroll Co., Ohio July 29, 1872, son of Frank and Harriet Miller McBride; m. Geraldine VanFossen, Carrollton, O., July 10, 1901; pastor Kittanning, Pa. 1901-09; 9th Ave. Chh. Monmouth, 1909-11; Dist. supt. Anti Saloon League of Ill., 1911-12." (Who's Who in America, Ed. 1938-9.)

Ch. of F. Scott and Geraldine VF McBride; all b. at Kittanning, Pa.
1 Christine Harriet, b. May 16, 1902. m. Lewis Watt, Washington, D. C.
2 Geralda Pearl, b. Aug. 5, 1904. m. Rev. Arthur R. Armstrong, Washington, D. C.
3 John VF, b. Dec. 7, 1906.

Ezra (*329 above*) left Ohio about 1846 and located in Jay County, Indiana for a time. He m. Jan. 29, 1846 at Deerfield, Randolph Co., Ind. Elizabeth Kinnear, b. May 3, 1821 in Darke Co., Ohio, dau. of John Kinnear.

A pioneer doctor, he removed from Indiana in 1852 and located in Dallas Co., Iowa. Dr. Ezra VF made the rounds on horseback to see his patients, carrying his medicines and instruments in his saddle-bags, as was by necessity the custom in those days. He was called to cover much of the prairie between old Fort DesMoines on the east to Jefferson, fifty miles to the northwest. He bought a farm at that time which is still in the possesion of his grandson, Bert H. VF of Adel, Iowa. Ezra planted one of the first apple orchards in the County and there is a black walnut grove on the farm which was planted by Elizabeth Kinnear VF. (From a letter written 1938 by Bert VF, Adel, Iowa to the editor.)

Ezra d. 1901 at Adel. She d. 1910.

Ch. of Ezra and Elizabeth Kinnear VF:
1 John (357) b. 1849; d. 1863.
2 Walter Scott (358) b. Sept. 1850. d. Dec. 1933.
3 Sarah (359) b. Apr. 20, 1852. m. John Young. Res. Adel, Iowa until 1902; DesMoines, Ia. until 1916; Long Beach, Cal. d. July 1929.

Children

A—Duke Ernest, b. Dec. 6, 1871; m. Alta Anderson. No ch. Oswego, Ore.
B—Nellie Elizabeth, b. Dec. 9, 1872; m. (1) Jan. 3, 1901, Handley V. Foote; m. (2) Nov. 26, 1909, Alexis E. Bezoier, Long Beach, Cal. No ch.
C—Grace A. b. Oct. 23, 1875; m. Dec. 28, 1899, Orville U. Miracle. 2 ch. Res. Oceanside, Cal.

4 Horace (360) b. 1854 m.——— Res. Clay Center, Kansas.

5 Ralph (361) b. 1856; d. 1878.
6 Frank Kinnear (362) b. 1859.
7 Mary (363) b. 1862; d. 1880.

The following letter is owned by Miss Rena Rae VF, Paw Paw, Mich. It was written to her father, Isaac W.

Clay Center, Kan. Mch. 15, 1882
Mr. VanFossen, Dear Sir:

In answer to my inquiry, Father writes as follows:

As to your request to write you the genealogy of the VF's—I know nothing further than I have heard my father say that it was the tradition of the family that we were old Dutch stock from the Hudson River, New York, and that a long time ago one of our ancestors, (Nathan* by name) when a young man engaged in the lumber business on the Susquehanna River, married, and settled somewhere near the mouth of the river and became the progenitor of the Pennsylvania branch of the family. My grandfather emigrated to Washington Co. Penna. about the year 1806-8. I am named for him—Ezra. My father's name was Jesse. About the year 1815 or 1816 grandfather moved to Warren Co. Ohio and died there about 1850. My father moved to Columbiana Co. O., in 1821 and died there in 1866."

To this I might add that my father's name was Ezra and that he left Ohio about the year 1846 and after living in Jay Co., Ind. for a time, moved to Adel, Dallas Co., Iowa in 1852, where he now lives. He was by profession a physician, but for a number of years has given his entire attention to farming. His brother's names were Levi, David, Jesse, and Robert.

Respectfully,
(Signed) Horace VanFossen

Walter Scott (358 above) m. June 18, 1874 at Adel, Iowa, Mary E. McMullen, b. July 11, 1851 at Crawfordsville, Ind. He d. Dec. 4, 1933. She d. June 28, 1939.

Children

1 Bert H. (364) b. Sept. 30, 1875.
2 Cora G. (365) b. Oct. 30, 1878. Unm. d. Jan. 10, 1899.
3 Ralph E. (366) b. Aug. 24, 1887; m. 1912, Mildred Jacoby. Grain operator. Res. Luseland, Sask., Canada.

Children

A—Dorothy L. (367) b. Dec. 5, 1914.
B—Robert W. (368) b. July 26, 1921.

4 Nina E. (369) b. July 22, 1889; m. 1916, W. J. Reid. Unity, Sask., Can. She d. May 25, 1939.

Ch. A—Elinor J., b. May 4, 1917; B—Mary K., b. Apr. 13, 1922; C—William V., b. Nov. 21, 1923; D—Shirley, b. Sept. 6, 1929.

*See Chap. 8—Nathan (243) was not a direct ancestor.

Bert H. (*364 above*) m. Oct. 5, 1898, Cora E. Marsh. Res. Adel, Iowa

Children

1 Clarence M. (370) b. Mar. 3, 1900; m. Helen Wagner. Res. Tulsa, Okla.

Children

A—Gordon W. (371) b. July 1929.
B—Gary R. (372) b. Sept. 27, 1934.

2 Vera E. (373) b. May 18, 1901; m. Frank W. Knoll. Res. Adel, Iowa.

Ch.: A—Elizabeth J., b Apr. 29, 1922; B—Barbara, b. Jan. 20, 1924; C—Margaret E. b. Feb. 12, 1926; D—Robert D. b. June 3, 1928.

3 Ethel M. (374) b. Aug. 10, 1903; m. W. M. Brockenbrough, Res. Akron, O.

Ch: A—Barry W., b. Dec. 11, 1934.

4 Harold S. (375) b. Nov. 18, 1906; m. Leone Nelson. Res. Redfield, Iowa.

Children

A—Gwendolyn J. (376) b. Jan. 22, 1930.
B—Shirley A. (377) b. Mar. 13, 1932.

5 Richard L. (378) b. Aug. 21, 1911; m. Ina Robinson. Res. Adel, Iowa.

Ch.: A—Larry D. (379) b. Nov. 13, 1933.

Jesse J. (*330 above*) m. Mathilda (or Mary) Gault, dau. of Daniel Gault. Res. Carroll Co., Ohio. He d. Aug. 30, 1896. Bur. at Mechanicstown, O.

Children

1 Belle (380) b. 1844; Unm. d. 1933.
2 Sarah (381) b. 1846. d. 1915.
3 Julia (382) b. 1850. d. 1892.
4 Milo (383) b. 1852; m. Sept. 12, 1876, Anna C. ———, b. 1851. He d. Mar. 12, 1923. Bur. Mechanicstown.

Ch.: A—Gertrude (384) b. 1880; B—Berton (385) b. 1883; C—Howard (386) b. May 10, 1885; D—Sara (387) d. 1894.

Howard (*386 above*) m. 1908 in Columbiana Co., Hazel Williard.

Ch. 1 Stella (388) b. Mar. 12, 1909; 2 Helen (389) b. July 5, 1914. Res. Salineville, O.

Robert (*333 above*) m. Nancy Gault. Res. near Cadiz, O.

Children

1 Jane (390) m.———Guthrie. A—Son.

2 ———(391) m.———Slence.
3 ———(392).
4 Elmer Newton (393) b. 1867; m. Mamie D. Sidenburg. Res. Dennison, and Columbus, O. He d. Dec. 10, 1938.

Children

A—Ruth Delphine (394).
B—Mary Agnes (395) b. Apr. 8, 1904, Urichsville, O.
C—Fay Lucille (396) b. Apr. 4, 1907, Dennison, O. m. June 14, 1930, Robert C. Bach. Ch.: a—Sandra, b. Sept. 25, 1935.
D—Betty Jane (397).

Nathan (*322 above*) was born about 1790, probably in Washington Co., Penna. He m. Jane——————. They located in Butler Co., Ohio, near Pisgah and bought about 150 A. of land, probably from the Government U. S. Land Office at Cincinnati, though no records have been found to verify this transaction. On Nov. 26, 1828, Nathan and Jane sold 40 A. from this plantation to his father Ezra, for $166.00—probably the first payment only.

Nathan undoubtedly died suddenly as his will was made on May 3, 1848, the day of his death. As he was only 58 or 59 years old, it may be assumed that he died from some acute attack of disease or from an accident. His will provided (first) for payment of any just debts and his funeral expenses; (second) for his beloved wife, Jane, to have the plantation in Union Tp., containing about 110 A. for her lifetime; (third) his oldest daughter, Sarah Merritt, has had her share; (fourth) oldest son, Ezra, $300; (fifth) second son, James, $100; (sixth) third son, Andrew C., $700; (seventh) second daughter, Mary Ann, $400; (eighth) third daughter, Rebecca, $200; (ninth) two youngest sons, Morris and Clinton, the plantation, being part of Sec. 8, Tp. 3, R. 2, between the Miami River. (Butler Co. Will Bk. O, p 340).

Children of Nathan and Jane VF:

1 Sarah (398) m. June 25, 1840, Joseph Merritt (Butler Co. Marriages, v 1, p 330).
2 Ezra (399) m. June 25, 1840, Lucinda Edenfield. (Ibid, v 2, p. 97)
3 James (400) m. Margaret ———.
Ch.: A—Charles S. (401); B—Laura (402) m.———Clements.

Letters of Adm. in the estate of Margaret VF were filed Dec. 26, 1883, and set forth that she leave James VF, now de-

ceased; Charles S., her son; and Laura Clements, her daughter. (Warren Co. Probate Court Records)

4 Andrew C. (403) m. Mary ———. A tombstone in the Pisgah Pioneer Cem. states: "Volney (404) son of Andrew C. and Mary VF, d. June 8, 1849, aged 1 y., 5 m., 12 d."
5 Mary Ann (405) m. June 4, 1848, Peter VanMiddleworth. (Butler Co. Marriages)
6 Rebecca (406).
7 Morris (Morrison) (407).
8 DeWitt Clinton (408). Probaby b. about 1825.
9 Eliza Jane (409). A tombstone in the Pisgah Pioneer Cem.: "Sacred to the memory of Eliza Jane, dau. of Nathan and Jane VF, who died Dec. 18, 1838, aged 4 y., 1 m., 6 d."

DeWitt Clinton (*408 above*) m. about 1845, Martha A. Thompson. He is bur. at West Chester, O.

Children

1 Belle (410) m. Joseph Burns. Res. Butler Co. A—Golda, m.——— Hoepper, Reading, O.
2 Frank (411) Unm.
3 Anna (412) m. William Shoemaker. Res. near Sharonville, O.
4 William Edward (413) b. Sept. 25, 1853; m. Frances Elizabeth Shumard, b. June 9, 1848 in Ind. He d. Jan. 21, 1935. Bur. Mason, O.

Children

A—Walter (414) b. July 7, 1884; d. 1887.
B—Winifred (Daisy) (415) b. July 7, 1884; m. June 7, 1919 at Pleasant Ridge, Clarence E. Wonnell. Res. Columbus, O. Ch. a—William Howard, b. Nov. 29, 1920; b—Harold Edward, b. July 2, 1923.
C—Leonard DeWitt (416) b. Aug. 21, 1888; m. June 14, 1913 at Pleasant Ridge, Carrie Gerke. Res. Milford, O. a—Dorothy Elizabeth (417) b. April 9, 1915.

Levi (*324 above*) was born in Pennsylvania and came with his parents to Ohio where they settled near Pisgah, Union Tp., Butler County. He married there Dec. 26, 1826-7, Rebecca Forman, born 1800 in New Jersey. There are few records of him in the Butler County Court House, though an indenture is recorded in 1845. (Deed Bk. 11, pp 211, 245)

About this time a great internal improvement was under way in Ohio—the connection of Lake Erie and the Ohio River by means of two canals—the Ohio and Lake Erie from Portsmouth to Cleveland, and the Miami and Erie from Cin-

cinnati to Toledo. On July 4, 1825, Gov. DeWitt Clinton of New York had been the guest of the State and turned the first spadefull of dirt when the opening ceremonies (the beginning of construction) had been held on the "Licking Summit," near Newark. It will be noted that a grandson of Ezra and son of Nathan, born about this time, was named "DeWitt Clinton VF."

The construction job with its high wages in "cash money" was attracting men from far and wide, and great prosperity was expected for the families who located at the various ports. Port Jefferson, five miles northeast of Sidney was one of these embryo ports, and here Levi brought his family where "his house was the third one built."

A deed is on record in the Shelby County court house:

State of Ohio to Levi Vanfossen: Robert Lucas, Governor of the State of Ohio . . . in consideration of the sum of $1,000, paid by Levi VF of Butler County, Ohio to Joseph G. Young, receiver of Miami Canal Lands, at Piqua, Ohio, for the purchase of a tract of land herein described, lying in the County of Shelby and granted by an Act of congress, entitled, "An Act to aid the State of Ohio in extending the Miami Canal from Dayton to Lake Erie and to grant a quantity of land to said State; to aid in the construction of the Canal authorized by law; and for making donations of land to certain persons in Arkansas Territory" . . . Therefore in pursuance of "An Act to provide for the sale of certain lands granted by Congress to the State of Ohio," there is granted by the State of Ohio to the said Levi Vanfossen and to his heirs and assigns forever . . . 80 acres of land, more or less in the Cincinnati Land District.

Deed signed at Columbus, Ohio, May 5, 1834 by the Governor, Robert Lucas. (Shelby Co. Deed Bk. G. 108)

The Miami and Erie Canal was completed from Middletown to Cincinnati in 1827. In 1845, it was opened the entire length —250 miles from Cincinnati to Toledo.

When the "Gold Rush" fever broke out in 1849, Levi and, at least, some of his sons decided to go to California. It is said by descendants that they sailed in the "Ship Prometheus" to Panama, and from there "around the Horn" to San Francisco in the " Brother Jonathan." Members of collateral branches of the family thought as late as 1930 that Levi and his six sons "had gone to South America, and all trace of them had been lost." Levi worked at his trade of blacksmithing, as well as doing some prospecting in the gold

fields near Oroville, Placerville (then called "Hangtown"), El Dorado and vicinity. Later, he located in Gridley, California.

Rebecca died in December 1878. Levi died in March 1881.

"The funeral of Rebekah, wife of Levi VF, will take place from her late residence in Gridley tomorrow, Dec. 10th at 12 o'clock M. Friends of the family are invited to attend. Gridley, Dec. 9, 1878. Services at 10 o'clock, Dec. 9th."

"Probate Notice—In the Superior Court for the County of Butte. State of California. In the matter of the estate of Levi VF, deceased: pursuant to an order by said Court on the 22nd of March, 1881, notice is hereby given that SATURDAY, the 23rd day of April, A. D. 1881, at 10 o'clock A.M. at the Court room of said Court in the Court House in the town of Oroville, Butte County, California, has been appointed as the time and place for proving the Will of Levi VF, deceased, and for hearing the application of V. P. Richards for the issuance to him of letters of testementary, when and where any person interested may appear and contest same.

(Seal) (Signed) James Green, Clerk.
Oroville, March 22, 1881. John C. Gray, Attorney for Petitioner."

(Newspaper clippings loaned by Mrs. Katherine VF Noack, Stockton, Cal.)

The following sketch of the family, featuring the biography of *William Martin VF* (*420 below*) is taken from the History of Shelby County, 1883.

William M. VanFossen was born in Butler County in 1832. He was the third child of Levi and Rebecca (Furman) VanFossen who were both born in Cincinnati—the father in 1798, mother 1800. The VanFossens came to the U. S. and located first in Pennsylvania but shortly after came to the Territory of Ohio in the person of Ezra VF, grandfather of the subject of this sketch, who died at Pisgah, Butler County about 1840. Levi, his son, died in California in 1881. His wife died there in 1879.

William M. was brought by his parents to Shelby County in 1837; they located at Port Jefferson where they built the third house in that village. William's youthful days were spent on a farm, working by the day. When he was 21, never having had a day's schooling in his life, he scarcely knew the alphabet and could not write his own name. In 1849, his father and he went to California, landing there in the spring of 1850. In the fall of the same year, they started to return home by the Nicaragua route to take the balance of the family to California. After arriving at Lake Nicaragua, William concluded not to go home with his father and shipped on a schooner that was running on the lake. He worked on that vessel for three months, then sailed for San Francisco, where he enlisted under Capt. Crabbe as a filibusterer for Gen. Walker's

expedition to Central America. On their way they were captured by a U. S. man-of-war, were put ashore at Acapulco, and returned to San Francisco by land.

He then shipped on board a sailing vessel for Australia. After making this voyage, he went on board a steamship as steward. This ship was running between San Francisco and Rio de Janeiro. All together he was on the water a little over two years. In 1852 he went into the mines where he worked until 1859. During this time, while blocked in their hut with snow one winter, he learned to read and write under the instruction of one of his mess-mates. In 1859, he returned to Shelby County and married Miss Sally Stewart, daughter of Preston Stewart.

Shortly after his marriage, he returned to California, taking his wife with him. After remaining there about a year, they returned to Shelby County and have since made their home in Sidney. They have no children.

In 1852 he enlisted in the 99th OVI and served over three years, being in every battle in which his regiment was engaged; was wounded at the battle of Nashville, Tenn. He enlisted as a private but was discharged as orderly sergeant of his company.

Children of Levi (324 above) and Rebecca Forman VFs

1 Nehemiah (418) m. June 26, 1847 in Shelby County, Lydia Clayton, probably dau. of John and Phebe Clayton. An affidavit was filed and consent of the man's father was given in person.
2 ——— (419). Name unknown.
3 William Martin (420) b. Dec. 25, 1832 at Pisgah, Ohio. m. Dec. 25, 1859, Sarah (Sally) Stewart, dau. of Preston Stewart. No ch.. He d. Feb. 6, 1906 at Sidney, aged 74 y., 1 m., 12 d.
4 Katherine (421) b. Aug. 6, 1837; m. Nov. 9, 1855 at Placerville, Cal. John Bowers, Res. Chico, Cal. She d. Oct. 14, 1879. Bur. at Chico.
   Ch.: A—Henry, b. Aug. 29, 1856; B—Honora E., b. July 30, 1858; C—Katherine H., b. 1866; D—John H., b. Sept. 14, 1868; E—Hunter L.. b. June 1, 1873.
5 Thomas Ezra (422) b. July 21, 1838; d. Apr. 3, 1913.
6 Jesse (423). No record except that he was physically unable to serve in the Civil War. He lived near Humboldt, Kan. 3 sons.
7 David A. (424) b. Oct. 25, 1840 at Pisgah.
8 Levi (425) b. Oct. 25, 1840 at Pisgah.
9 Carolina (426). No record.
10 Jennie (427). No record.
11 Lottie (428); m.——— Mercer. d. 1926, Los Angeles, Cal. She bequeathed her furniture and books to the Protestant Episcopal Church.

Thomas Ezra (422 above) m. June 14, 1871, at Gridley, Cal. Maria Covert, b. May 10, 1852 at Atchison, Mo. Res. Gridley. He d. Apr. 30, 1913.

Children

1 Ernest Wilton (429) b. Oct. 8, 1874. Res. Gridley. He d. Nov. 25, 1939.
2 Charles Dean (430) b. Apr. 2, 1876. Res. Gridley.
3 Clyde Colin (431) b. Mar. 30, 1881; m. Sept. 19, 1909 at Silver City, Nev., Alice E. Hardwick. Res. Sacramento, Cal.

David A. (*424 above*) m. Apr. 1871 at Oroville, Cal. Laura Alice Warren, b. Oct. 17, 1856 at Yreka, Cal. Res. Laton, Cal. He d. Jan. 9, 1912.

Children

1 William Lorian (432) b. Aug. 31, 1872.
2 Lillie May (433) b. Feb. 22, 1876; d. Nov. 21, 1884.
3 Katherine (434) b. Jan. 4, 1878. She lived with her uncle, William M. VF., at Sidney, Ohio from 1898 to 1906. She m. July 7, 1908, at Los Angeles, Cal., Walter G. Noack. Res. Stockton, Cal.

Children

A—Louise Katherine, b. Sept. 10, 1909.
B—Carol Ernestine, b. May 31, 1912.
C—Jean Gloria, b. May 4, 1916.
D—Walter Garfield Jr., b. Nov. 16, 1918.

4 Richard F. (435) b. Dec. 10, 1879.
5 Mark F. (436) b. Nov. 11, 1885.
6 Mettie E. (437) b. Feb. 25, 1888; d. Nov. 28, 1918.
7 Jesse Paul (438) b. July 7, 1893. He d. at Camp Kearny, Neb.
8 Alice Mabel (439) b. July 28, 1895.

Levi (*425 above*) m. Mathilda Elizabeth Post. He was at one time, Professor of Natural Science, Univ. of Tenn. In later years he settled at Dunsmuir, Cal. and engaged in business. He d. Feb. 27, 1905; she d. Apr. 18, 1933.

Children

1 Frank Bradley (440) b. June 13, 1875; m. May S. Dunsmore. Res. Dunsmuir, Cal. He d. Feb. 23, 1938.
Ch.: A—Elinore Vesta (441) b. June 20, 1904
2 Vera May (442) b. July 29, 1880; m. Dr. William Beverly Mason.

Children

A—Beverly Frances, b. Feb. 5, 1906.
B—Richard Herbert, b. Apr. 15, 1913; d. May 31, 1932.

Chapter VIII

DESCENDANTS OF ARNOLD JUNIOR AND ARNOLD III

NATHAN OF DUNCANNON, PENNSYLVANIA

As recorded in Chapter 4, two sons of Arnold Jr. of Providence Tp. applied for timber claims in Cumberland County in 1766. One of Arnold's claims was located at the mouth of Little Juniata River in Rie Tp. This is between the Little Juniata and Sherman's Creek. Late in the eighteenth century a Mr. Miller took up ten acres here and built a house on the point between Little Juniata and the Susquehanna Rivers. Three more houses were built and the tiny settlement was named Petersburg. On April 11, 1798 *Nathan VF* (*243 above*) who had located here about 1792, bought a lot (50x120 feet) from John Knisley, which had been conveyed to him the same day by David Lewis. Nathan and Polly (Mary) sold this lot Sept. 1801.

Nathan, who was a shoemaker by trade, opened a store "on the corner" and the History of Perry County by Wright, states "The oldest store . . . was kept by a Mr. VanFossen. Then there were only four houses in the place." Hain's History of Perry County adds: "Nathan VF was a lot owner in Petersburg in 1795; was a property owner in 1820; had several lots and a tanyard in 1828. His dwelling was on the Square."

He was on the list of retail dealers returned from Perry County to the State in 1824 and in 1833-4 his name is returned as a retailer of merchandise other than wines and liquors. Only two others from Perry County are thus classified as wines and liquors were a big item with most merchants.

The editor, her husband and others of the family, visited Duncannon (as Petersburg has been renamed since 1865) and a local resident showed them where the VF store had been. It is now occupied by an A and P Grocery store. One of the party remarked, "When the judgment of a pioneer storekeeper as to a desirable location is backed up by the modern experts of a chain store system, his descendants need not

apologize for his business acumen." (Kenneth VF of Athens, Mich. and Red Lion, Penna.) Another descendant, John H. VF of West Hollywood, Cal., said in a letter to the editor, dated Apr. 4, 1932: "My grandfather (Nathan) was very much a Dutchman with knee breeches and silver buckles on his shoes."

Nathan, who was b. Jan. 17, 1771 near Philadelphia, m. Mar. 1, 1799, Mary Boyce, b. May 18, 1781, dau. of Robert and Jane Boyce, probably of Lancaster Co. across the River, later cut off as Dauphin Co. Robert Boyce served in the Rev. War.

Ch. of Nathan (423) and Mary Boyce VF

1 Levi (443) b. May 18, 1800. (See Williams County Chapter)
2 Jesse (444) b. Jan. 16, 1802, "married, moved to Kentucky and raised a large family." (See letter of his brother William.)
3 William (445) b. Jan. 9, 1804. (See Williams County Chapter)
4 Anna (446) b. Jan. 6, 1806; d. Oct. 6, 1810.
5 Nathan (447) b. Oct. 28, 1807.
6 David ((448) b. Aug. 25, 1809.
7 Rachel (449) b. Aug. 5, 1811; m.——— Mineer.
8 Joseph (450) b. Aug. 24, 1813. Unm. Res. with brother, Abner, Duncannon.
9 Abner (451) b. Oct. 13, 1815.
10 Isaiah (452) b. Sept. 18, 1817; d. Sept. 1, 1821.

Mary Boyce VF d. Oct. 6, 1817.

Nathan m. (2) Rachel ——— (possibly last name was Reed). Nathan d. July 23, 1840. "Rachel, wife of Nathan VF d. 1860, aged 88 y." (Tombstone inscription in Duncannon Cem.)

Nathan (447 above) m. Catherine Cougher, dau of Jacob and Fanny Cougher. Res. Duncannon. He d. Sept. 24, 1882.

Children

*1 Isaiah Cash (453) b. 1831; m. 1858, Rachel B. Green. Res. Wheeling, W. Va.

Children

A—John H. (454) b. 1859; Res. W. Hollywood, Cal.
B—Nathan (455).
C—James (456).
D—Isaiah Jr. (457) b. Jan. 1, 1864.
E—Paul (458).

*Named in Nathan's will which was dated Sept. 1, 1876.

2 Thomas Boyce (459) m. 1850, Prudence L. Leonard. Res. Wheeling.

Children

A—Charles (460).
B—May (461) m. George J. Dunbaugh, Wheeling.
a—George J. Jr. He d. in Bad Nauheim, Germany.
C—Prudence (462).

3 William Abner (463) m. 1871. Sarah Jane Schull.

Children

A—Rachel (Lottie) (464) m. ———— Ziegler. Res. Tacoma, Wash.
B—Prudence (465) m. ———— Zimmerman.

4 George Washingon (466) m. 1864, Maggie A. Barndollar.

Children

A—George W. Jr. (467) m. ———— Smiley, Bethlehem, Pa. He was a minister of the Episcopal Ch. Res. Tamaqua, Pa.
B—Frank (468).
C—Mary (469); m. John Alden Smith. Res. St. Joseph, Mo.
D—Margaret (470).

5 Nathan Henry (471) b. 1842; m. (1) Amelia Roberts Kraft, b. Sept. 1852. Res. Wheeling, W. Va. until about 1877, when they removed to McKeesport, Pa. She d. May 8, 1880.

Children

A—Georgia (472) b. July 18, 1872; m. Sept. 14, 1899, ~~Walter~~ William Joseph Oby.

Children

a—Philip VanFossen, b. June 11, 1900; m. Florence Hathorne Gould. He d. Aug. 7, 1937.
b—Christine VanFossen, b. Feb. 10, 1907; m. Edgar Wagstaff Jones.
c—Priscilla Anne, b. July 1, 1909. Unm.

B—Archibald (1395) b. July 1874; d. 1876.
C—Morse Haldane (473) b. Mar. 31, 1878; m. Florence Andrews. He d. June, 1919.

Nathan Henry m. (2) ca 1881, Ella Haldane. He d. Aug. 1900.

*6 Ira Benjamin (474) b. 1844. m. 1879, C. Capitola Marshall. Res. Wheeling.

Ch. A—Edna (475); B—A son (476); C—Lydia C. (477) b. June 30, 1881. He d. Dec. 22, 1904. Bur. Peninsula Cem.

7 Charles Montgomery (478) b. 1849; d. 1850.

*8 Mary Catherine (479) b. 1850. m. Frank M. Masters. Res. Duncannon. She d. 1928.

Ch: A—Florence M.; m. W. R. Barringer; B—Mary V., m. Joseph A. Turner.
C—Edna M., m. Charles H. Thompson, Hollins, Virginia.
Ch: a—Mary Emily, m. James deBarth Walbach; b—Frances Boyce.

9 Edwin Reed (480) b. 1855; d. 1857.

10 Harden Arnold or Arthur (481) b. 1858. m. (1) 1892, Clara Rohrer. She d. 1912. He m. (2) Helen Jackson. Res. Chula Vista, California.

Five of these brothers operated a nail foundry at Wheeling, W. Va. The following description given by a visiting Englishman in early days, is interesting in this connection:

After poking his nose into shop after shop and visiting factories and retail sales rooms, Collins came finally to Wheeling's iron foundries. He was delighted with this evidence of Western ingenuity. Vast puddlers capable of boiling metal until it was soft enough to be molded, were managed by experts whom Collins saw deftly pick up as much as 160 pounds of sticky masses of ore with a hook fastened to a long handle. Assistants managed furnaces with 12-foot fireboxes, stoking them with Wheeling coal until the temperature was right. At night, flares from these ovens gave an eerie, reddish color to the sky and cast weird reflections on the dark surface of the river.

"Wheeling certainly is the nail city. I have never seen so many in my life," wrote Collins. He added slyly, although perhaps not seriously; that he would be willing to invest in a profitable foundry. One day he counted on the National Road a fleet of 20 wagons, each crowded with casks filled with nails and heading westward. He confided to his journal that 100 Ohio towns ought to come into being because of that one procession. Local coopers, he found, were working night and day to make kegs strong enough to hold the heavy loads of nails. (The National Road, Philip D. Jordan, p. 113)

Abner (*451 above*) m. (1) ——— Montgomery; (2) ——— Horland. In Hain's History of Perry County: "Abner VanFossen was a member of the official board of the Duncannon Methodist Church in 1841. The congregation was founded in 1809." At the time the Civil War broke out, he was in charge of a church at Staunton, Va.

Children

1 Ada (482) m. ——— Harper. Res. Elmira, N. Y. A son, Van, Elmira.
2 Emily (483) m. ——— Ashcomb; Ch. A—Nellie; B—Nat. Res. Elmira, N. Y.
3 Florence (484) b. 1849. m. Jan. 24, 1878, Rev. Henry R. Bender.
4 Anna (485) m. ——— Bruner. Dau. Alice m. Charles Haas.
5 John (486) served in Confederate Army; was killed at Cross Keys, Va.

Chapter IX

DESCENDANTS OF ARNOLD JUNIOR

ARNOLD III; NATHAN OF DUNCANNON, PA.

PART I

LEVI OF WILLIAMS COUNTY, OHIO

Levi (*443 above*) m. Lura Trucks. He settled on a farm two miles east of the St. Joe River near Montpelier in 1839. He d. Feb. 22, 1853. She d. about 1870. Both bur. Dick's Cem.

Children

1 Mary Jane (487) m. 1846, Joseph Cummins. Res. near Montpelier.

Children

A—Orphana, m. ca 1865, Daniel Strayer.
B—Lura, d. in inf.
C—Nelson, m. 1874, Jane Barnhart (double wedding).
D—Monroe.
E—Sophia M., b. Feb. 1, 1856, m. 1874, John Opdyke (double wedding).
F—Stephen, d. in inf.
G—Joseph. No ch. Res. Chicago and Greensboro, Ala.
H—Caroline, b. Nov. 28, 1858, m. (1) Judson Foust; (2) ——— Bower. Res. Lansing, Mich.

2 Emily (488). 2 daus. Res. Aurora, Ill.
3 Trilla (489) m. Abraham Strayer. Res. Montpelier, Ohio.
4 William (490).
5 Joseph (491). b. July 14, 1830 in Richland Co. O.
m (1) ——— *Children* m (2) Mary Jane ———

A—Levi (492). Res. Reading, Mich.
Ch.: a—Florence (493) m. ——— Bowers.
b— Iva (494) m. ——— Brandon.
B—Mary Ellen (495). x C- Albert Judson

6 Nathan (496) b. Oct. 3, 1832.
7 George (497) b. Nov. 2, 1834 in Richland Co., O.
8 Charles (498) b. Nov. 2, 1834 in Richland Co., O.
9 Alonzo (499) m. (1) Sarah Luke; (2) ——— Parrish. He was a Civil War veteran; was ill for a long time, d. at the home of his niece, Orphana Strayer.

Children

A—Vina (500) m. ——— Rathbun. Ch.: a—Lester, b—Burl.
B—Rose Anna (501) m. (1) ——— Ressler; (2) ——— Chamberlain.
C—Linnie (502) m. ——— Griffith: ch. a—Carl, b—Loyal.
D—Charles (503) 3 ch.: a—Claudie (504), b—(505), c—(506).

x Dau. Clara m. Homer Goehler. Res. Portland, Ore.

Nathan (*496 above*) m. Martha Ellen Caywood. He was a wagon maker. Removed to Michigan when he was 35-6 years old.

Children

1 Georgianna (507) b. Oct. 1857; d. Apr. 1860.
2 Lura (508) b. May 20, 1860; d. Feb. 1865.
3 Olive R. (509) b. Dec. 29, 1863.
4 George Wesley (510) b. Oct. 18, 1865. m. Nov. 28, 1900, Elizabeth M. Densmore. Grain buyer. Res. Hillsdale, Mich. 1 ch: LeGrande (511). d. in inf.
5 Joseph R. (512) b. Dec. 4, 1868. Res. Jackson, Mich.
6 Benjamin (513) b. 1872. d. in inf.
7 Lulu D. (514) b. Aug. 24, 1874. d. May 7, 1917.
8 Arthur L. (515) b. Feb. 15, 1877. Res. Holly, Mich.

George (*497 above*) m. Dec. 4, 1862, Kathryn Clum, b. Dec. 12, 1844 in Holmes Co., O. He d. July 26, 1918. Bur. Fayette, Ohio.

Children

1 Edward (516), d. in inf.
2 Clara (517), d. aged 4 years.
3 Eva (518) m. Charles Gifford, Camden, Mich.
4 Alva (519) m. Attie ————. Res. Fayette, O.

Children

A—Clark (520). Res. Akron, O.
B—Mabel (521) m. O. J. Rubel, Fremont, Ohio.
Ch: a—Barbara.

5 Bertha (522) m. Fred Sponsler, Hudson, Mich.
6 Orville Clinton (523) b. Aug. 9, 1871; m. Nov. 18, 1895 at Hillsdale, Mich., Jessie M. Hess. Res. Morenci, Mich.

Children

A—Roy Sheldon (524) b. Apr. 24, 1897 at Fayette, O., m. Nov. 28, 1917 at Adrian, Mich., Buelah E. Gray.
B—Myrl (525) b. Nov. 18, 1898 at Fayette, O., m. June 2, 1917 at Fayette, Dewey H. Richmond.
Ch:a—Kathryn Waneta, b. Apr. 21, 1919.

Note: The following inscription is found in the Powers Cem., Steuben Co., Ind.:

Levi VanFossen, Oct. 15, 1853; d. Sept. 6, 1934.
His wife, Amelia A., Mar. 9, 1858; d. Sept. 20, 1913.
Mother—Nancy Daniels, Apr. 5, 1839; d. Sept. 19,1879.

(The place of the family in this genealogy has not been determined.)

PART II

WILLIAM OF WILLIAMS COUNTY, OHIO

William (*445 above*); son of Nathan and Mary Boyce VF of Duncannon, Pa. was b. Jan. 9, 1804. He completed his apprenticeship as a carpenter when he was about 24, and joined the westward movement as so many other young men were doing. The first official record of him comes from a license to teach school which was issued to him at Granville, Ohio and is dated Dec. 28, 1829. It is signed by the examiners of common schools, W. Bancroft and W. S. Richards. This certificate is owned by his grandson, Dr. William Sloss VanFossen, Columbus, Ohio. William secured the position of teacher in the little log school house near Lock in Licking County.

On July 8, 1830 he married Mary Ann Sloss, b. June 11, 1808 in County Cavan, Ireland, daughter of John and Margaret S. Cook Sloss. They had emigrated to America in 1820 and located in what was known as the "Cook Settlement," formed of Scotch-Irish immigrants, four miles west of Homer in Licking County. The name was later changed to Lock. Mary Ann though 17 years old, was attending school as was the custom of the young people in those days—many going to school in the winter-time until they were 20 or 21.

About 1833 the Sloss family moved to Dearborn, Michigan and William and his family (Elizabeth Ann having been born May 23, 1831) moved to the newly platted village of Appleton where he had obtained a school. The following account is found in the History of Licking County, by Brister. v 1, p 270.

In April 1833, Gideon Long and family came to Appleton where the only building on the town plat was a cabin built by Carey Meade. The front part had been intended for a store room but Long moved into the building and occupied it some years. While he was yet living in it, David Messenger come to Appleton, or the site of it, and opened the first store in the locality in this building. Long, in order to encourage the enterprise, and to assist in building up the settlement, squeezed his family into the single back room of the cabin. He also took in the two clerks from the store, Franklin Bryant and Billy Rosecrans (later Gen. William Rosecrans of Civil War fame), and provided them with board and lodging.

Not being able to fill up that one little back room entirely with his own family and the two clerks, Long took in another entire family—William VanFossen, wife and child. VanFossen had made up his mind to settle here, and to accomodate him while his cabin was in course of construction, Long admitted the family as boarders . . . . The VanFossen cabin was probably the second or third cabin in town. The first school house was in this neighborhood, a log building erected in 1828, some years before Appleton was laid out.

A second child, John Wilson (named for Dr. John Wilson of Newark) was born Feb. 11, 1834 in Appleton. (See Chapter 13—"A Sojourner in Licking County.")

The U. S. Government started work on an arsenal at Dearborn, Michigan about this time. William secured a job as carpenter and the family moved there, remaining for about four years. He was again certified as a school teacher under date of Nov. 7, 1839, the license being signed by H. B. Adams and B. L. ———, at Dearbornville. Some time after the arsenal was completed in 1838-9, the family went to Williams County, Ohio and took up Government land eight miles west of the St. Joe River in Florence Tp.

His brother, Levi had previously located in Jefferson Tp., two miles east of the river. In 1840, William was one of the few men in the Township who were assessed on personal property. Here again he secured a license and taught school.

In 1843 the first mail route in the County was laid out by Congressional Enactment under President Tyler. The route passed across the county from Pulaski to Eagle Creek, thence to Spring Lake, thence to Northwest, and thence northward to Hillsdale, Mich. (History of Williams Co., 1882) William was appointed postmaster at Spring Lake and kept the office in his home until his death, when his daughter Rachel continued as postmistress.

"He was Justice of the Peace for thirty years and could give a good opinion on legal questions. Before the War he was a Democrat but voted the Republican ticket afterwards." Among his many activities was the making of oxen yokes and one of the most thrilling pioneer hunting stories of that locality begins: "Samuel broke an ox yoke and went to Wil-

liam VanFossen's to get another when..." (History of Williams County, 1882, p 454.)

At New Berlin there was a log school house as early as 1846. Among those who were interested was ...William VF. (History of Williams Co. p 462.)

Children of William and Mary Ann Sloss VF:

1 Elizabeth Ann (526) b. May 23, 1831 at ~~Appleton~~ Lock, m. David Waller. No ch. She d. Nov. 1912. Res. LaGrange, Ind.
2 John Wilson (527) b. Feb. 11, 1834 at Appleton, Ohio.
3 William Abner (528) b. Jan. 12, 1837, at Dearborn, Mich.
4 Rachel Minerva (529) b. Nov. 22, 1839; m. William Callen. No ch.
5 Mary Mathilda (530) b. Feb. 9, 1842; d. in inf.
6 Sarah Amelia (531) b. Feb. 9, 1842; d. in inf.
7 Thomas Sloss (532) b. July 5, 1844; m. Ann Clark. No ch. School teacher, farmer, Civil War veteran; attended every National Encampment of the G.A.R.; and visited every state in the Union. Res. on the old family homestead, Florence Tp.
8 Margaret Ellen (533) b. Mar. 25, 1847; m. Hugh Goshorn. Res. Edon, Ohio.

Children

A—Aletha Ann, b. Dec. 25, 1875. m. Dec. 25, 1898, Fred Brown.
B—Almeda Dell, b. Aug. 23, 1881. m. Jan. 1, 1905, Herman Flickenger.
C—Edna Jane, b. Apr. 2, 1883. m. Jan. 21, 1905, Charles Rainey.
D—Harlan Alton, b. Sept. 12, 1887. m. May 12, 1905, Jennie Robb.

9 Keziah Jane (534) b. July 15, 1849. m. Apr. 9, 1873, Jacob Coldsnow, b. July 13, 1849 in Stark Co. Ohio. Res. Florence Tp. and Montpelier, Ohio. Both d. Oct. 13, 1923 at Montpelier.

Children

A—Orrin Alpha, b. Feb. 15, 1875; m. Apr. 12, 1900, Clara Belle Lott.
B—Arie William, b. Jan. 8, 1877; m. Mar. 2, 1900, Eva Beamont.
C—Lawrence Ray, b. Dec. 18, 1879; m. Sept. 10, 1904, Martha Burlew.
D—Van Burl, b. Apr. 24, 1891; m. June 1915, Helene Foley.

10 Levi (535) b. Jan. 1, 1856; d. in inf.

William VF, d. Mar. 5, 1877; Mary Ann, d. May 3, 1879. Both bur. Malcolm Cem. North West Tp., Williams County.

A letter written by William VF to a relative in Michigan was the means of tracing the lineage of the family back to Arnold III, son of Arnold Jr., son of the emigrant Arnold. The letter was given to the author by Miss Rena Rae VF, daughter of Mr. I. W. VF, of Paw Paw.

Spring Lake, Williams Co., Ohio
May the 12, 1850

Mr. I. W. VanFossen
Albion, Calhoun Co., Mich.
Dear Sir:

I received your letter some time ago, but I wished to get some more information from my brothers before I wrote to you, but could get but little more from them than I knew of our relations. I once was of the same opinion you were—that is, that there was no one in the U. S. bore the name of VanFossen except my father and brothers' families, but have since heard of others and saw one *young man in Licking County, Ohio, who had my name in full but could trace no kindred. He could give no account of his relatives farther back than his father or where they came from. He was a Dutchman and could talk but little English and I could talk no Dutch. I suppose you folks must be related from what you wrote. I received the same information from my Father—that there were three brothers came from Holland. One settled near Philadelphia; one went to New York. My grandfather's name was Arnold Vanfossen. My father's name was Nathan. He was born near Philadelphia but they moved when young to Maryland where he was raised until about twenty-one when he removed to Pennsylvania near Harrisburg, where he married Miss Mary Boyce.

I can give you but little information of my Father's family as I never saw any of them, but I believe he had four or five brothers and two sisters. His brothers were Levi, who lives in Maryland; Amos in Philadelphia, Ezra some place in Ohio; and a wholesale merchant in Philadelphia. Hannah and Mary both live in Maryland. All were married and all I ever heard from have children.

I have given you all the information I can think of. We undoubtedly must be relations. Present my fondest regards to your family, write to me again and have your friends write and believe me to be very Respectfully and Affectionately yours, Mr. I. W. Vanfossen.

(Signed) William Vanfossen

John Wilson (*527 above*) attended country school in Williams County and later went to the Northern Indiana Institute at Orland, a preparatory school for teachers. He taught school in Williams County and later secured the job of carrying the mail on horseback between Maumee, Ohio and Hillsdale, Michigan until the completion of the Lake Shore and Michigan Southern Railway to those terminals. Much of the route was through virgin forest trails.

Neighbors were emigrating to Dubuque, Iowa about 1860 and John W. went along in the capacity of guide, guard, and expert rifleman for their protection on the haz-

*(See William (328) Chapter 13.)

ardous journey. He secured a position to teach school in Iowa and remained there until the first Civil War draft in Ohio when his name was drawn. He returned home and volunteered for the duration of the War. His service was with Capt. Barber's 5th Ohio Volunteer Independent Sharp-Shooters. This was a picked company of 100 expert marksmen, between 5'8" and 5'10" in height, of the Northwest Ohio Regiment. It was recruited about the last part of 1860 and on April 24, 1861 was ordered to Cleveland to rendezvous. In 1864 the majority re-enlisted and the regiment was filled up with new recruits. (History of Northwest Ohio—Winter, p 264.)

Capt. Barber's Company was one of three companies of 100 men each, assigned as Head Quarters Guard to Gen. Rosecrans and later to Gen. Thomas, when he took over this command. It will be recalled that John W. first came in contact with Gen. Rosecrans at the time of his birth (1834) in Licking County, through his father and mother when they and the two children lodged in the backroom of the store where "Billy" Rosecrans was clerking. John W. wrote many of the Head-quarters reports which went in to Washington and Gen. Rosecrans presented him with a silver pen-holder in recognition of his service. Gen. Thomas gave him a daguerrotype of himself as a token of appreciation.

John Wilson VF m. Feb. 22, 1866, Eliza Jane Gillis, b. Aug. 5, 1840 in Richland County, Ohio (later cut off as Morrow Co.) dau. of William and Jane McClaren Gillis. They located on 100 acres in North West Tp., now on the north side of U. S. Rt. 20, two miles east of the Ohio-Indiana line. In 1891, he with his family, removed to Greenfield Tp. LaGrange County, Indiana as manager of a group of farms owned by his uncle, Dr. Thomas B. Sloss. He was always active in church work, attending the Eagle Creek Presbyterian Church in North West Tp. where he was choir leader as well as an Elder. He became a member of the Orland Congregational Church when he moved to Indiana.

Ch. of John W. and Eliza Gillis VF:

1 Arthur A. (536) b. Aug. 21, 1868; unm. He was a school teacher and later a real estate broker. Res. Orland, Ind. He d. June 10, 1905.

2 Harvey Gillis (537) b. Dec. 27, 1869.
3 Marietta Floy (538) b. June 13, 1872; m. Mar. 12, 1900, George Arthur Heath, b. Nov. 12, 1870 in York Tp., Fulton Co., O., son of Horace Henry and Elizabeth Culbertson Heath. Res. Orland, Ind. One daughter (adopted)—Mary, b. Mar. 31, 1911, m. George A. Hurlbert. Res. Dearborn, Mich.
4 Leroy Addison (539) b. July 12, 1874.
5 William Sloss (540) b. Nov. 6, 1877.
6 Jeanette (541) b. Feb. 26, 1880; m. Earle C. Salisbury, b. June 30, 1881, son of Frank and Barbara Pocock Salisbury, Orland, Ind. Res. Bluffton, Upland, and Fairmount, Ind.

Children

A—Esther, b. Aug. 4, 1907; m. Oct. 29, 1938, Richard C. Jay, b. May 23, 1898.
B—Martha Ellen, b. Oct. 5, 1908. Unm.
C—Wendall Maynard, b. Feb. 16, 1912. He m. (1) Mar. 6, 1936, Martha Louise Woolen; m (2) Oct. 16, 1948, Mrs. Irene McFarren.
D—Arthur Gillis, b. Apr. 24, 1917; m. Oct. 28, 1940, Leona Day, b. Mar. 24, 1920 in Baltimore, Md.
E—Max Richard, b. Oct. 13, 1921; m. May 28, 1949 at Elwood, Ind., Rose Nell Pace, dau. of Herman Lee Pace and wife.
F—Miriam Irene, b. June 3, 1925; m. Sept. 30, 1950, Arthur C. Hupp.

7 Ellen Letitia (542) Unm. Res. Columbus, Ohio.

Harvey Gillis (537 above) m. Aug. 27, 1891, Susan Ingram, b. Nov. 21, 1869, dau. of Thomas and Magdalena Allman Ingram, Williams Co., Ohio. Res. Orland and Lima, Ind., Athens, Mich.

Children

1 Donna (543) b. July 21, 1892; d. in inf.
2 Harold Ingram (544) b. Dec. 12, 1894. Unm.
3 Ruby Floy (545) b. Sept. 15, 1896; m. (1) June 5, 1919, John McConnell; m. (2) October 5, 1929, Robert Hartley Barteaux. Res. Red Lion, Pa. No ch.
4 John Maynard (546) D.D.S., b. Jan. 23, 1898; m. Feb. 12, 1927, Mabel Miranda Moore, b. Apr. 17, 1900, dau. of Hiram Bracy and Ora Maurer Moore, East Leroy, Mich. Res. Columbus, Ohio.

Children

A—John Maynard Jr. (547) b. Apr. 23, 1935.
B—Wesley Hugh (548) b. Oct. 14, 1937.

5 Margaret (549) m. Louis Spieldenner. Res. Fort Wayne, Ind., Chicago, Ill., and Hickory Corners, Mich.

Children

A—Robert Louis, b. June 17, 1929.
B—Richard, b. May 26, 1933.

6 Kenneth McClaren (550) b. Apr. 4, 1904. Unm. d. Aug. 30, 1938, Red Lion, Pa.
7 Ella Elizabeth (551) b. Oct. 2, 1909; m. Eugene Richmond. Res. Athens, Mich. She d. May 24, 1950.
8 Harvey Gillis (552) b. Apr. 2, 1915; m. Mar. 1, 1942, Virginia Marie Quigley, dau. of William Dennis and Olive Quigley, Red Lion, Pa., Buffalo, N. Y.

Children

A—Edward Lee (553) b. May 26, 1943 at Buffalo, N. Y.

Leroy Addison (539 above) m. Feb. 7, 1900, Alice Casebeer, b. July 18, 1876, dau. of Samuel Peter and Gelaine Lucas Casebeer, Orland, Ind.

Children

1 Arline (554) b. Nov. 10, 1901; m. Nov. 24, 1921, Delbert Moffet, b. Jan. 4, 1895, son of Joseph and Katherine Moffet, Orland, Ind. Res. Ypsilanti, Mich.

Children

A—Robert Wayne, b. Feb. 21, 1925; m. June 19, 1949, Valerie Turner, b. Nov. 9, 1926 at W. Haverstraw, N. Y., dau. of Frederick C. and Freida I. Turner.
B—Marlene, b. Aug. 13, 1931.

2 Wayne (555) b. June 7, 1906; d. July 27, 1918.

William Sloss (540 above) M. D. m. Apr. 2, 1908 at Jamestown, Ind. Katherine Ruth Hobson, b. Apr. 3, 1883 in Valentine, LaGrange Co. Ind., dau. of George Ransom and Louisa Waltermire Hobson. Res. Columbus, Ohio.

Children

1 William Sloss, Jr. (556) b. Oct. 18, 1911; m. Aug. 5, 1937, Jane Gray, b. Jan. 8, 1913, dau. of Prescott S. and Helen Brooke Gray, Adam Mills, O. Res. Columbus, Ohio.

Children

A—William Sloss III (557) b. May 3, 1939.
B—Brooke (558) b. Apr. 21, 1941.
C—Cynthia (559) b. May 11, 1945.
D—Margaret Sue (560) b. Nov. 12, 1950.

2 John Howard (561) b. May 25, 1913; m. Oct. 16, 1938 at Columbus, Edith Marion Whidden, b. Apr. 11, 1913 at Brattleboro, Vt., dau. of Fred and Mabel Tuttle Whidden. Res. Columbus, O.

Children

A—Barbara Lois, b. Jan. 9, 1949.

(See Who's Who in Columbus; History of Franklin County-Moore v 2, 1289.)

3 Mildred (562) b. June 3, 1915; m. Oct. 1, 1934, Oral Judson Scheaf, b. July 23, 1911 at Columbus, son of William Allen and Jennie Filler England Scheaf. Res. Columbus, O.

Children

A—Oral Judson, b. July 7, 1935.
B—Carol Lynn, b. Aug. 3, 1939.
C—William Allen, b. Oct. 1, 1941.
D—Katherine Laurel, b. Mar. 23, 1946.

4 Theodore W. (563) b. Oct. 9, 1919; m. Oct. 13, 1945 at Los Angeles, Cal., Margaret Agnes Belgrano, b. Apr. 2, 1925 at San Francisco, dau. of Frank Nicholas and Margaret Biddle Belgrano. Res. Los Angeles, Cal. Architectural designer.

Children

A—Anthony Belgrano (564) b. Dec. 16, 1948.

5 Albert Wayne (565) b. Jan. 2, 1925. Student in College of Medicine, O.S.U., m. June 17, 1950, Bonnie Ricketts, b. Sept. 9, 1925, dau. of John Todd and Kathryn Brison Ricketts, Pickerington, Ohio.

William Abner (*528 above*) He volunteered for Civil War service and enlisted July 4, 1862 as a private in Co. G, 88th Ind. Vol. Inf. 2nd Brigade, 3rd Division, 14th A. C. He was promoted to Corporal, Apr. 30, 1865. He participated in 44 battles and skirmishes; received many special honors for unusual bravery; and was awarded the Congressional Medal of Honor "for extraordinary bravery and gallantry above and beyond the call of duty."

He m. Feb. 18, 1869, Clarissa Ely, b. Apr. 21, 1851, dau. of Robert and Harriet Stout Ely, and settled on a farm in Williams County, Ohio. He d. Sept. 14, 1877; she d. Feb. 13, 1923. Both bur. at Edon, Ohio.

Children

1 Harriet Jane (566) b. Nov. 26, 1869; m. Sept. 10, 1887, John M. Shafer, b. Jan. 13, 1863, son of Franklin and Sidney Shafer. Res. Williams Co., O.

Children

A—William, b. July 2, 1889; d. Jan. 1, 1909.
B—Mary, b. May 29, 1892; m. July 24, 1909, Fred Aldrich. Res. Steuben Co., Ind.
C—Ruth., b. June 28, 1903; m. Nov. 26, 1922, Theodore H. Carrott. Res. Montpelier, Ohio.

2 Alvin Ulysses (567) b. Mar. 27, 1872.

3 Mary (568) b. Apr. 8, 1874; m. Dec. 1, 1895, William Brigle. No children.

4 Iva I. (569) b. Feb. 11, 1876; m. Mar. 14, 1897, William H. Lattimer.

Children

A—Lloyd F., b. Mar. 9, 1899. Res. Edon, Ohio.

Alvin Ulysses (*567 above*) m. Feb. 2, 1893, Bessie Ingram, b. Mar. 1, 1874, dau. of Thomas and Magdelena Allman Ingram, and sister of Susan, wife of Harvey Gillis VF.

Children

1 Thomas Sloss (570) b. Jan. 21, 1897; m. Sept. 4, 1922, Velma F. Mann, b. Feb. 19, 1900, dau. of Lawrence and Myrtle Mann. Res. Montpelier, Ohio.

Children

A—Marillyn M. (571), Oct. 11, 1923.
B—Lawrence A. (572) b. Mar. 29, 1926.
C—Evelyn E. (573) b. Jan. 8, 1937.

2 Lucille (574) b. Nov. 19, 1900; m. Apr. 19, 1924, W. C. Bauer, son of George and Amanda Bauer. Res. Montpelier, Ohio.

3 Abner Lee (575) b. Aug. 22, 1910; m. Aug. 21, 1937, Lenore Cornell, dau. of Cordie and Kathryn Cornell.

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A paper read at the VanFossen Family Reunion, Aug. 20, 1905, held at the home of Nelson Cummins, Williams County, Ohio.

BY JOHN W. VAN FOSSEN (527)

I want to say that I am in favor of, and in sympathy with these family reunions which keep in remembrance those who have gone on before, and which bind together more closely the various branches of the family. I ask the attention of these young people while I endeavor to show them the condition of this country in the time of their grandfathers and grandmothers. Our fathers and mothers spent the greater part of their lives in clearing away the great hardwood forests which covered the face of all this country. They worked among the stumps and roots, receiving but a scanty subsistence for a time, and with none of the comforts which are ours today. But by their efforts they made it possible for us to reap abundant harvests from the fields which they had only partially brought into a state of cultivation and productiveness.

You are, no doubt, aware that all the VanFossen relatives who are here today are the offspring of two brothers, Levi and William VanFossen. They settled in this county when it was almost an unbroken forest, inhabited by red men and every kind of wild animal native to these parts.

Levi located two miles east of the St. Joe River and William eight miles west of it. They took up what was then Government land with scarcely anything to show that a white man had ever trod upon it.

I should like to take these young people on an imaginary journey from Levi's home to William's so that they can compare the times of 1838-9 with those of 1905. But how are we to go? There are no railroads. No carriages or buggies in all this country. Not even a direct road out. We might take an ox team and sled—though it wouldn't draw on dry leaves—but we should have to take an ax along to cut our road much of the way. So I think it would be easier to go on foot—it is only ten miles!

Your grandfathers and grandmothers travelled this way. Mary Jane VanFossen, afterward Mary Jane Cummins, walked it. Well do I remember seeing her come around the swamp and up to the cabin. How glad we were to see her! And how sorry that she had to go home the next day!

But to get back to our little trip—We will start early in the morning so that we shall reach our destination by noon. It won't take long to get ready! The girls will need no frills or furbelows—only their linen or linsey-woolsey, home-made clothes.

Many strange and beautiful things are on every side! See the grand old forests of giant oak, ash, poplar, walnut, and others equal in strength and beauty.* In this section were the largest deciduous trees found anywhere in the U. S. Here is the St. Joe River—we've gone two miles all ready. Walk carefully over this rude foot-bridge across the main channel. Farther on some one has felled trees through the marshy bayous in such a way that we can walk the length of one and then step across to another until we reach the dry land on the farther bank. Eagle Creek twists and turns across our way, too, until we have to cross it four times on these fallen-log bridges.

There is a small clearing where a white man has built a cabin—there will be only three of four of these clearings in the entire ten miles. There are two Indians standing close

*See "The Trees" by Conrad Richter

by the trunk of that big tree with their guns by their sides. Don't be afraid! They won't harm us though they watch us silently until we say "How do you do?" Then they will grunt, "How." A little farther on we come to an Indian wigwam. The squaw stands in front of it as though on guard, while her papooses play around like kittens. She won't speak unless we speak to her first.

See that drove of deer! How beautiful and graceful they are as they scurry off to some hiding place with their white tails raised like flags over their backs! We'll see many similar droves along our way. But keep your eyes open for there are coon, skunk, and porcupine all through the forest. Though they run in the night mostly, we can often see them in the daylight in this new country where there is little for them to fear. It is possible that we shall be close to wolves, bears, wild cats, or lynx, but they are hidden away in some of the big swamps and will not be out until dark.

But we are close to the end of our journey! Around this swamp and on up the ridge is the cabin of William VanFossen. We have been walking for nearly five hours. The sun is high overhead and we are hungry. Our hostess does not know we are coming, so we shall have to be content with the everyday fare of the time.

What shall we have for dinner?

After greeting Aunt Mary Ann, we'll rest in the shade of this monstrous oak which stands only about thirty feet from the cabin, until she calls us to dinner. It is probable that we shall have corn bread, coffee, potatoes, and some kind of wild meat—venison, most likely. Or we may have chicken if the skunks, weasels, or mink didn't get to the chicken-coop first. In the fall we would have succotash, potatoes, or roasting ears with corn bread. It's possible that our hostess will have to grate the corn from the cob before she can make the cornbread, or if the corn should be too hard to grate, she will grind it through the coffee mill. But be assured that our appetities are good and we shall relish whatever is set before us.

After we have had dinner it is too late to return to Levi's cabin today, so we shall have to stay over night. Those wild cats, wolves, and bears will be out of their hiding places and

will take over the forest through the night. But we shall be splendidly entertained. We shall have a concert that "will beat the band." Along early in the evening from some near-by spot, we shall hear the bark or yelp of a single wolf. This will be the prelude. He will be answered by another and then another until the concert will be taken up on all sides. Then the owls—the loud-laughing "Who! Who!" fellows—will bring in their parts. There will be dozens of them in every direction. And then the bull-frog, close by in the pond, will put in his bass "Ker-chug! Ker-chug!" I tell you it will be grand!

I want to tell you of an incident that happened at William's—my Father's cabin late in the fall of 1839, if I remember correctly. It was a dark night and Father, Mother, and three of us children were all in our cabin. There was a log fire burning which served the double purpose of heat and light. "Tige" our big Newfoundland dog, was lying on the floor. Suddenly he roused, stood up, and listened. He commenced to growl and became very excited. We all knew he sensed danger but didn't know what it might be that he had heard outside— whether Indians or wild animals. We children clung to Mother and she comforted us, saying that nothing could get into the cabin with "Tige" and Father to protect us. Father spoke to the dog which began to bark and scratch at the door, but he hesitated to let him out. Would it be better to keep him inside to protect the cabin, or let him out to fight the intruder? But "Tige" was so determined to get out that Father opened the door. He went out with a rush and a roar like an enraged lion and the battle was on! How we children trembled as we heard the hoarse barking and growling of our beloved dog! And the fighting, yelping, and snapping of teeth of what sounded like a dozen to one! It seemed like a long time until "Tige" came back to the door, still barking and growling. Father let him in, and the wolf pack left for some other part of the forest.

Now I have told you something of the condition of this country in the time of your grandfathers, and what they had to contend with. Yet, notwithstanding all this, I doubt whether you are more contented with your life today, than they were with theirs.

Chapter X

DESCENDANTS OF ARNOLD JUNIOR

ARNOLD III; LEVI OF FREDERICK COUNTY, MARYLAND

Levi (*244 above*) m. Dec. 31, 1797, Susanna Lease, b. Mar. 28, 1777, dau. of William and Catherine Lease. Occupation—blacksmith. Mar. 13, 1821, he bought a tract of land near Newmarket, Maryland, known as "Middle Plantation" and "Four Friends." He d. Jan. 16, 1852; she d. Feb. 28, 1861.

Children

1 *Otho (576) b. 1798 (See Chapter 11, Belmont County, Ohio)
2 Eli (577) b. Oct. 14, 1798.
3 Anne (578) b. May 29, 1800; m. July 29, 1822, Jacob Jacobs.
4 Ada (579) b. Oct. 16, 1803; m. Apr. 13, 1824, Christian Museter. Res. Tiffin, Ohio; in 1829 removed to Iowa.
Ch: Dau. ————; m. Luke Patterson, Douglas, Wyoming.

(With the above data were the following names, but it was not stated what relation they were to Ada.)

A—Margaret, m., ———— Nesmith.
B—Phoebe, m. Michael Shawl, Montpelier, Ohio.
C—Rachel, m. ———— Nesmith.

5 Edith (580) b. Feb. 3, 1805; m. Feb. 5, 1827, Otho Lease.
6 Mary (Polly) (581) b. Jan. 26, 1807; m. Apr. 2, 1831, Lewis Wickham.
7 Levi (582), b. Sept. 11, 1808.
8 Arnold (583) b. Dec. 23, 1814.
9 Minerva (584) b. June 14, 1822; m. Nov. 17, 1845, John E. Ward. She d. Mar. 27, 1882.

Children

A—Dorsey. Res. Baltimore, Md.

Descendants of this family have the Bible which supplied the records of the wife and children of Amos VF (241).

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*It has not been proved that Otho was the son of Levi, but it has been established that he was born in 1798, and that he was a grandson of Arnold III.
Note: The History of Morgan County, Ohio—Robertson, v 1, p 475 states: "Jonathan VanFossen of Newmarket, Md. settled on Sec. 18, Bristol Twp. in 1829." It is not known from which family he came.

Eli (*577 above*) m. Margaret A. Darkes. He d. Apr. 11, 1886. She d. Mar. 20, 1884, aged 70 years. Bur. Mt. Carmel Cem.

Children

1 Theodore (585), d. Dec. 13, 1868.
2 William Henry (586) b. Jan. 26, 1826; m. ————; d. Feb. 18, 1904.

Children

A—George Washington (587) b. Feb. 25, 1856.
B—Ellen (588); m. Hiram Staley.
C—Susan (589); m. Simon Iler.

(According to George W. who is still living (1952) William Henry had three brothers who went to Darke County, Ohio in the 1860s. Their names were Nathan, Luther and Levi.

3 Nathan (590).
4 Luther (591).
5 Levi (592).

Levi (582 above) m. Dec. 21, 1830, Ann Runkles. In 1849 they kept a tavern in Frederick County. He d. Dec. 31, 1876.

Children

1 Annie (593).
2 George (594) b. Jan. 8, 1836; d. June 30, 1922.
3 Scott (595).
4 Eldred W. (596) b. 1844.
5 Susan (597); m. ———— Crilly. Res. Alexandria, Va.
6 Cecelia (598).

Eldred W. (*596 above*) m. Mary Elizabeth Tollinger. Carriage maker. He d. Feb. 4, 1928.

Children

1 Bernard (599).
2 Roger Levi (600) b. May 1870; m. ca 1896, Lucy Jane Mays, b. 1871 in Botetourt Co., Va. Res. Baltimore, Md. He d. Dec. 12, 1906; bur. Westminister, Md. She d. Mar 11, 1907; bur. near Olive Hill, Ky.

Children

A—Myrle Mays (1370) b. Feb. 1, 1897 at Eagle Rock, Va.; m. May 11, 1918 at New Lexington, Ohio, Guy M. Nixon. She is an ordained minister of the Pilgrim Holiness Church. Res. Syracuse, Kan.
B—Robert Argyle (1371) b. Oct. 5, 1901.

3 Dudley K. (1372).

4 Carrie (1373).
5 Irvin J. (1374).
6 Bessie (1375).
7 Myrle (1376).

Arnold (*583 above*) m. (1) Jan. 11, 1845, Harriet Keller. Several children d. young. She d. Sept. 13, 1850. He m. (2) Oct. 16, 1852, Julia Ann Harrington, b. Dec. 24, 1835. He was a blacksmith in Frederick, Md. During the Civil war he became well acquainted with Gen. Quincy Adams Gilmore, the "Swamp Angel" of the ~~Confederate~~ Union Army. He d. Nov. 14, 1893; she d. Mar. 31, 1901.

Children

1 Charles H. (1377) b. May 19, 1853.
2 John James (1378) b. Oct. 18, 1855.
3 Anna O. (1379) b. June 21, 1858; m. George Gilbert.
4 Henry Clay (1380) b. Dec. 28, 1860; d. Feb. 13, 1884.
5 Quincy Adams Gilmore (1381) b. Aug. 20, 1863.
6 U. S. Grant (1382) b. Jan. 3, 1866.
7 Clara Katherine (1383) b. Nov. 9, 1868; m. George I. Wilson. She d. May 1936.

Children

A—Nathaniel John, d. young.
B—Miriam Naomi, b. Sept. 29, 1895; m. Nov. 20, 1916, Walter D. Feely.
C—George I., d. young.

8 Lillian Grace (1384) b. July 6, 1872, d. young.

Quincy Adams Gilmore (*1381 above*) m. Katherine Cordelia Stitely b. Sept. 28, 1867. He d. July 8, 1930.

Children

1 Clay (1385).
2 Leslie Gilmore (1386) b. Mar. 26, 1894.
3 Grace Cassen (1387) b. Apr. 1896; m. Feb. 6, 1918, George B. Ingels.

Children

A—Evelyn Virginia, b. Jan. 24, 1919; m. Sept. 19, 1942, Harold P. Kelly, Jr.
B—Grace Margaret, b. Sept. 16, 1922; m. Oct. 20, 1945, Alden C. Kefauver, Jr.

4 Mary Julia (1388) b. July 16, 1897; m. Nov. 20, 1919, Harry E. Hinton.
5 Ralph William (1389) b. Mar. 20, 1900; m. May 26, 1920, Pauline Mildred Caw.

6 Rose Catherine (1390) b. Aug. 26, 1901; m. Apr. 17, 1927, Charles H. Marsh.
7 Elizabeth (1391) b. Mar. 20, 1906; m. June 30, 1931, Earl G. Dillon.

Leslie Gilmore (*1386 above*) m (1) Nov. 4, 1914, Ruth B. Corrick. Res. Kensington, Md.

Children

1 William Leslie (1392) b. Mar. 20, 1926; m. June 10, 1945, Merrily Ann Bartlett.

Children

A—Leslie Ann (1393) b. May 13, 1946.
B—Barbara Jean (1394) b. Oct. 2, 1948.

Leslie Gilmore m. (2) Feb. 10, 1940, Ellen Douglas Connellee.

Children

2 Elizabeth Cole (1395) b. Oct. 24, 1949.

Chapter XI

DESCENDANTS OF ARNOLD JUNIOR

ARNOLD III; LEVI OF MARYLAND; OTHO OF BELMONT COUNTY, OHIO

According to records of the family in Belmont County, "Otho was born in Maryland in 1798, and was a grandson of Arnold." Strangely enough his father's name has not been recorded. But in as much as "Otho" is a favorite name in the Lease family, and even more significant—that in all of the families of Arnold's sons there is no other possible place for a child to have been born in 1798, we shall assume that Otho was a twin brother of Eli, son of Levi and Susanna Lease VF, who were married Dec. 30, 1797 in Frederick County.

My father (Martin VanBuren VF) didn't seem to know of any of his father's brothers. That is why I think he may have been the only one of his family who came to Ohio. (From a letter, owned by the author, dated Apr. 25, 1932 from Mrs. Alice VF Findlayson, Wheeling, W. Va.)

Otho (*576 above*) m. Apr. 29, 1819, Rebecca Gosslin (Gauslin) in Frederick Co., Md., dau. of Peter Gosslin, a carpenter who had emigrated from Ireland. Otho was a shoemaker by trade but took up farming when he located in Belmont Co. Ohio in 1828. The family lived near Bethesda, where he bought 94 acres in 1837 and 40 acres in 1848. He d. Oct. 19, 1881; bur. Chestnut Level Cem. Alfred H. Evans, Adm.

Those named in the settlement of his estate, which was valued at $400 in personal property and $4,000 in real estate were: the widow, Rebecca; Theophilus, Cisne, Ill.; John E., Hunter, Ohio; Martin V., Hunter; and Caroline Malonee, Barnesville, O.

Children

1 Angeline (602) b. Feb. 22, 1820.
2 Charles (603) b. Feb. 23, 1822.
3 George (604) b. May 3, 1824; m. Jan. 18, 1844, Frances Pangle.
4 Nathan (605) b. Feb. 25, 1826; m. Sept. 6, 1849, Hannah B. Pangle.

5 William (606) b. Dec. 21, 1828.
6 Maryann Catherine (607) b. Dec. 17, 1830.
7 Theophilus (608) b. Dec. 12, 1832.
8 John Emanuel (609) b. Oct. 2, 1834; m. Feb. 16, 1854 (aged 19) Catherine Jane Gaddens. Otho, father of John, vouches for both. Res. Hunter, O.

Children

A—Arville L. (610) b. Aug. 3, 1871.

9 Caroline (611) b. May 23, 1837; m. ———— Maloney. Res. Barnesville, O.
10 Martin VanBuren (612) b. Jan. 20, 1839.
11 Rebecca Ann (613) b. June 21, 1841.
12 Ellen Jane (614) b. Mar. 4, 1843; m. July 4, 1861, Alfred H. Evans, b. Dec. 7, ————, near Cambridge. Lawyer. Res. Zanesville, O. Removed to Kentucky. She d. Mar. 24, 1902. Bur. Zanesville.

Children

A—Nathan, b. Apr. 4, 1862. Res. Columbus, O., d. Sept. 23, 1926.
B—Reullura, b. May 6 ————.
C—Anna, b. July 26, ————.
D—Elizabeth, b. Aug. 21, ————; m. Mar. 5, 1903, Peter Desgranges at Rathdrum, Idaho. Res. Mountain View, Mo.
E—Mary V., b. June 10, ————.
F—Edna W., b. Apr. 23 ————.

Theophilus (608 above) (aged 18 y.) m. (1) Oct. 11, 1851 Christina Lampe, (aged 17), b. Jan. 15, 1833 in Virginia. George Lampe vouches for both. He was a physician and removed in 1871 from Belmont Co. to White Co., Illinois locating 5 miles east of Carmi. In 1873, he removed to Cisne, Wayne Co., Ill., where he lived until his death Aug. 25, 1914. For over 40 years he was an elder in the Church of Christ. He is bur. Yarnell Cem. Cisne.

Children

1 Alva Curtis (615) b. Nov. 24, 1851.
2 George Otho (616) b. Jan. 14, 1853.
3 Caroline Iantha (617) b. Mar. 12, 1855; m. ———— Weedon.
4 Franklin (618) b. Feb. 2, 1858.
5 Lucia Maud (619) b. May 12, 1868. *All the above b. in Ohio.*
6 Laura Ethel (620) b. Nov. 16, 1872 in Illinois; m. (1) Aug. 28, 1892 at Cisne, Omar Taggert.

Children

A—Alvay Raymond, b. Apr. 24, 1894; d. Nov. 11, 1928.
She m. (2) ———— McDermed. Res. Muskegon, Mich.

Theophilus m. (2) Aug. 1, 1891 at Flora, Ill., Elma Slade.

Children

7 William (621) b. June 18, 1892.
8 Etna (622) b. July 31, 1894; m. ——— Caldwell.
9 Elmer Otho (623) b. Feb. 6, 1898.
10 Walter Scott (624) b. June 27, 1900; m. Katherine ———.

Martin VanBuren (*612 above*) (aged 18) m. Feb. 26, 1857, Hannah Adeline Lampe, (aged 17 y.) b. Aug. 2, 1840. George Lampe, father, vouches for both. Farmer, Res. near Hunter, Belmont Co., O. He d. June 24, 1925 in Wheeling, W. Va.

Children

1 William Pancoast (625) b. Aug. 12, 1857; d. 1911.
2 Columbus Orville (626) b. Dec. 30, 1859.
3 Iantha Belle (627) b. Feb. 25, 1863; d. July 15, 1891. Bur. Chestnut Level Cem.
4 Franklin Sherman (628) b. Nov. 1, 1865; d. Feb. 3, 1917, Lincoln, Neb.
5 Lacy Josephine (629) b. July 9, 1869.
6 Rebecca (630) b. Nov. 1, 1871.
7 Lucy Jane (631) b. Jan. 27, 1873.
8 Alice Venora (632) b. Aug. 12, 1875; m. Apr. 13, 1904, James Findlayson, at Littleton, W. Va. Res. Wheeling, W. Va., Blacksmith.
9 George Washington (633) b. Jan. 8, 1878; m. July 31, 1897, Bessie May Stidd.
10 Arthur Dallas (634) b. Dec. 8, 1882.

Chapter XII

DESCENDANTS OF CONRAD, SON OF THE EMIGRANT ARNOLD

Conrad (*6 above*) m. Ankin (or Ann) Bon or Bun, dau. of Peter and Elizabeth Op de Graef Bon (Will Bk. 12 H. 18, Phila. Co. Pa.) Ann was a sister of Elizabeth Bon, wife of Conrad's brother, John.

In 1727 he bought 153 acres in Worcester Tp., adjacent to the land of his brother Adam. By occupation he was a blacksmith and wheelwright. He and his son Leonard probably had their shop on Providence Square on the Germantown and Perkiomen turnpike nearly a mile below Evansburg on the Worcester Tp. line. (Hist. of Montgomery Co., p. 97). He made his will Oct. 28, 1774; probated June 2, 1777. Members of this family are buried at Skippack Mennonite Burial Ground.

Children

1 Peter (635).
2 Arnold (636) b. Oct. 6, 1740.
3 Mary (637) m. John Hall.
4 Catherine (638) m. Mathias Rittenhouse.
5 Leonard (639) b. 1748.
(General Studies of Some Providence Families—Johnson, p. 107)

Peter (*635 above*) m. Mary Weber, dau. of Christian and Appolonia Weber. (Proved by his will, Bk. 86 R 88, Phila. Co.) Peter was a carpenter by trade, and many of his descenants have followed this occupation as a trade or hobby. In 1760 he bought 111 acres on Isaac's Run in Worcester Tp. just east of Upper Fairview. On Sept. 21, 1784 he and his wife Mary, sold 94 A. 60 P. of this tract to Harman Custer, husband of his cousin Eve, (1361). The land is now a boys' camp. In 1777 he received one shilling sterling by his father's will. In 1782, Peter sold 27 A. in Worcester Tp. to his son Jacob (640), and is not afterward listed as a taxpayer in Montgomery Co. Later he removed to Upper Oxford Tp.

Chester Co., but is not listed in the 1790 census. He died prior to Feb. 22, 1791 when his wife Mary, and son Benjamin were appointed administrators of his estate, which consisted in part of 214 A. of land, though no deed is on record showing when he bought it. Jan. 28, 1799, his heirs transferred their rights in the estate to Benjamin. (Chester Co. Deeds, Bk. S 2, pp 315, 316) Benjamin and his wife, also named Mary, sold it in 1810. (Bk. Z, 2, p 269; D 3, p 493).

Children

1 Jacob (640) b. 1756 in Worcester Tp. (Va. Abstracts, Chalkley, v 2, p 479). (See chapter on Virginia; and Licking County, Ohio).
2 John (641). (See chapter on Virginia).
3 Benjamin (642). (See chapter on Belmont County, Ohio).
4 Catherine (643) m. Leonard Speer (Spare). A genealogy of this family has been published recently.
5 Agnes (644) m. ———— Weber or Weaver.
6 William (645). A minor in 1791, Recorded in Orphans' Court, Chester Co., Pa.

Arnold (*636 above*) son of Conrad and Ann, m. Margaret Gerhart, dau. of Leonard and Elizabeth Gerhart of Norriton Tp. (Proved by Will Bk 177½; 35 R 34, Phila. Co.) In 1774 he was assessed for 50 A., 2 horses, 3 cows; tax £5,14. In 1775 he bought 92 A., probably west of Norriton Cem. at Harley's Corners. He received one shilling sterling by his father's will in 1777. In 1780 he was assessed £57,14,1 on a valuation of £2,509. Arnold d. in Norriton Tp., May 22, 1805, aged 70 y., 7 m., 16 d. He was bur. in Skippack Mennonite B. G.

Two days later a "caveat" was filed by his two sons, Leonard (Lanerd) and John "against the proving of any writing purporting to be the last will and testament of the late Arnold VF." Three days later it was withdrawn, however, and the widow refusing to administer the estate, the aforesaid two sons were appointed. An "inquisition" reported on Aug. 26, 1805 "that the plantation can not be parted," and appraised it at $3,962. Whereupon Leonard, the oldest son, elected to take it.

Children of Arnold and Margaret Gerhart VF:

1 Leonard (Lanard) (646) b. Jan. 15, 1759.
2 John (647).

3 Betsey (648) m. Peter Saylor.
4 Mary (649) m. Joseph Ward.
5 Margaretta (650) m. John Walker.
6 Nancy (651) m. Michael Walker.

Leonard (*646*), m. Catherine ——— Revolutionary record: "He was sergeant in 1785 (Pa. Arch. 6 Ser. v 3, p 1338) He was ensign in 7th Company, Capt. Archibald Darrah (P.A. 6; v 4, p 60) Listed as a Montgomery Co. pensioner; Private and Sergeant P.T. May 21, 1833, (P.A. 3; v 23, p 535). In 1805 he bought his father's farm of 93 acres, valued at $3,962. In 1838, one acre was sold to Jesse VF by the attorneys for the heirs. The remainder was sold to neighbors about the same time. "He d. Dec. 7, 1836, aged 77 y. 10 m. 22 d." and is bur. in Lower Providence B. G. "Catherine VF, wife of Leonard, who deceased this life Oct. 15, 1827, aged 69 y. 2 m. 15 d." is buried beside him. A son, presumably, lies next to his parents.

Children

1 Ann (652) b. about 1785; "married at St. James, Perkiomen, 1802 Nov. 1, Ann VanFussin to Matthew Foy."
2 Jesse (653) b. Jan. 1, 1784; m. Mary Zimmerman, b. Sept. 27, 1794, dau. of Christopher and Magdelena Shutt Zimmerman. They lived near Harley's Corners, across the pike from the Norriton Pres. Ch. He was a Rifle man, 1814-15 (P.A. ser. 3) He d. July 21, 1864, aged 80 y. She d. Jan. 14, 1873, aged 78 y. Jesse is bur. Lower Providence Baptist B. G. (Providence Families—Johnson p. 49) "Mary VF bequeaths all to Mary Jones, dau. of John Jones of Norriton Tp. Jan. 23, 1873." (Will Bk. 13, 353).
3 Thomas (654) b. Feb. 2, 1795.
4 Lydia (655).
5 Mary Ann (656) m. Jacob Gouldy. Res. on the former farm of David Rittenhouse.
   Ch.: A—Dorothy; B—Judy; C—Clementine; D—Mary Ann; E—Betsey.
6 Arnold (657) b. Dec. 17, 1789; d. Nov. 17, 1817, aged 27 y., 11 m. Bur. at Lower Providence Pres. Cem.

Thomas (*654 above*) son of Leonard and Catherine of Norriton Tp. m. Dorothy Keesey, b. June 3, 1793. He was a mill operator. Res. Norristown and Manayunk, Pa. He d. Oct. 5, 1855; she d. Sept. 28, 1880. Both bur. at Trappe.

Children

1 Arnold (658) b. Sept. 27, 1821.
2 Elmira (659) b. 1822 at 2nd and Bread Sts., Phila., m. (1) Mar.

18, 1840 at Manayunk, James L. Marlin.

Children

A—Eleanor, b. 1840.
B—William James, b. 1842.
C—James Lovegrow, b. 1844.
D—Robert, b. 1847.
E—Charles Alexander, b. 1849.
F—George Washington, b. 1851.

She m. (2) Aug. 23, 1857, John Field McDowell.

Children

G—Rachel Ann.
H—John Field, b. 1860.
I—Elmira Harriet, b. 1862.
J—Clara Bell, b. 1867.

She d. 1916; bur. Leverington Cem., Phila.

3 William (660) b. 1823.
4 Hiram (661).
5 Thomas (662), m. Sarah ————.

Children

A—Eugene (663).
B—Mabel (664).
C—Warren (665).
D—Estelle (666).

6 Amanda (667) Unm.
7 Joseph Leonard (668).

Arnold (*658 above*) son of Thomas and Dorothy VF, m. Oct. 9, 1845, Elizabeth Cook (Koch) b. Mar. 13, 1826 at Easton, Pa. Res. Philadelphia, Pa. He d. July 5, 1903. She d. Aug. 28, 1917. Bur. Northwood Cem. Phila. His dau. Mrs. Maggie VF Hill said: "My father was a straight forward, hard-working carpenter. Worked until he was 80 and walked to work from 10th and Dauphin to Germantown. He was honest, plain, generous to fault; said little."

1 Barclay Ann (669) b. May 22, 1847; m. Samuel Yiengst.

Children

A—Anna, d. in inf.
B—Eva, m. Ernest Conrad. No. ch.
C—Arnold, m. Vina MacCauley, no ch.
D—Anna (the second) m. Wm. Flubacher, 2 ch.
E—Daisy, m. Lawrence Kremmy, 1 ch.
F—Lewis, twin, m. Emma ————.
G—Harold, twin, d. in inf.
H—Edward, d. in inf.
I—Samuel, m. Sadie Callahan.

2 Ella Clarissa (670) b. Nov. 4, 1848. Unm.
3 Ida (671) b. Nov. 24, 1851; d. July 4, 1852.

4 Harry Napoleon (672) b. June 21, 1853; d. Oct. 21, 1853.
5 Maggie (673) b. June 11, 1855; m. June 6, 1882, Hosea Bacon Hill. Res. Phila.

Children

A—Gertrude, b. Nov. 23, 1883; m. Edward Guyon.
B—H. Harold, b. May 24, 1885; m. Ida Bloom.

6 Lizzie (674) b. Nov. 5, 1856; d. Feb. 17, 1860.
7 Walter Brode (675) b. Mar. 25, 1859; d. June 7, 1936. m. (1) Sadie Guyon, no ch.; m. (2) Cordelia Fitzgerald.

Children

A—Helen (676) m. Frank Bennett.

Children

a—Helene; b—Frank; c—Clare.

B—Dorothy (677), d. in inf.
C—Elizabeth (678) d. in inf.

8 Katie Rosamond (679), b. Aug. 27, 1861; m. Milton Klink.

Children

A—Milton Arnold, m. Ruth Eberly.
B—Walter Harry, m. Clara Paniple.

9 Thomas Arnold (680) b. Aug. 25, 1865.
10 Mary Elizabeth (681) b. 1867; d. 1871.
11 Irene Emma (682) b. 1871; d. in inf.

Thomas Arnold, (680 above) son of Arnold and Elizabeth Cooke VF. m. (1) Ida Butz.

Children

1 Mabel (683), m. Louis Kolb; 2 Elsie (684); 3 Irene (685) both d. in inf.

He m. (2) Dolly Haslem.

Children

4 ——— (686), d. in inf.

He m. (3) Katie Schlawdensky.

Children

5 Gertrde E. (687) m. John Locket.

Children

A—Mabel; B—Gertrude; C—Ethel; D—John E.

6 Ethel Ann (688) m. William Craemer; no ch.
7 Alice Maggie (689) m. Otis Hargis.
8 Harold (690).
9 Charles (691).
10 Arthur (692).
11 Lillian (693).
12 Caroline (694) m. Edward Kettle.

Children

A—Edward; B—Arthur.

William (*660 above*) son of Thomas and Dorothy VF, m. Anna Paugh at West Conshocken, Pa. Lock tender. Bur. Leverington Cem. Phila.

Children

1 William (695) b. Apr. 1852.
2 Jane (696); m. James Miller.
3 Hiram (697); m. Feb. 4, 1880, Mary Emma Lawson.

Children

A—Elizabeth Bella (698); m. Walter C. Stein.

Children

a—Glenna, m., Hugh Mosher; b—Richard Clayton.

4 Mary (699) m. William Downey.

Children

A—Florence, m. ———— Lyons, National Park, N. J.

5 Estella (700) m. Frank Lloyd.

Children

A—Arthur; B—Frank; C—Anna; D—Hiram.

William (*695 above*) son of William and Anna Paugh VF. m. Apr. 7, 1875, Hannah Mary VF, (746) b. Apr. 12, 1854 at Kulpsville, Pa., dau. of Hiram and Rebecca Beale VF. Occ. Fireman. He d. Oct. 15, 1921. Bur. Leverington Cem. Phila.

Children

1 George (701) b. Nov. 16, 1875; m. Sadie Senior.

Children

A—Dorothy (702) m. Herbert Brunner. Ch. 1—George.
B—George 703); C—Florence (704); D—Frank (705); E—Eleanor (706); F—Harry (707); G—Ruth (708).

2 Harvey (709) b. Mar. 24, 1878; m. Elsie Schrader.

Children

A—Harvey Jr. (710).

3 Raymond (711) b. Jan. 2, 1881; m. June 26, 1903 at Phila., Alice Jane Kershaw. Occ. Huckster.

Children

A—Raymond Jr. (712) b. Feb. 10, 1904; m. Margaret ————.
B—Irene Rebecca (713) b. Dec. 22, 1905; m. Samuel Stewart.

Children

a—Robert; b—Irene; c—Samuel; d—Ann.

C—Charles Elwood (714) b. Aug. 25, 1907; m. Marguerite Guiles.

Children

a—Elwood (715); b—Walter (716); c—Joan (717); d—Marguerite (718).

D—Robert (719) b. June 14, 1909.
E—Gladys Ionia (720) b. Oct. 11, 1911; m. George Christman.

Children

a—Jean; b—Gladys.

F—Alice Hazel (721) b. June 22, 1917; m. Charles Werner.

Children

a—Charles; b—William.

4 Anna Rebecca (722) b. Nov. 16, 1883; m. Charles Wunder.

Children

A—Myrtle, m. Robert Ramsey.
B—Charles, m. Helen Warren.
C—Marie, m. Leo Richard.
D—Arnold, m. Violet Morris.
E—Lillian, m. Edward Berg.

5 William (723) b. Oct. 14, 1887; m. Hattie Ohle, no ch.

6 Arnold (724) b. Aug. 25, 1892; m. Florence Smith.

Children

A—Hannah (725); m. George Devitt.

Children

a—George Thomas; b—Samuel VanFossen.

7 Adda Drenda, or Adelaide (726) b. June 17, 1894; m. Stephen Miller.

Children

A—Margaret.

Adda D., d. Feb. 10, 1919.

Hiram (*661 above*) son of Thomas and Dorothy VF. m. Rebecca Beale. Occ. Brick maker. He d. 1878. Bur. Norris City Cem.

Children

1 Thomas (727) b. June 19, 1842.

2 Arnold (728) b. Sept. 28, 1844; m. Lizzie ————. He d. Nov. 2, 1931. Bur. Riverside Cem. Norristown, Pa.

Children

A—Charles (729); m. ————; ch.: a—Earl (730).
B—Margaret (731); m. Walter Rutty.
C—Bertha (732) m. Wm. R. Allen.

3 William (733) b. May 5, 1846; m. Emma ————.

Children

A—Lizzie (734), m. (1) George Layer.

Children

a—Mabel; b—Walter. She m. (2) Duncan Forsythe.

B—Ella (735); C—John (736); D—Hiram (737).

4 Hiram (738) b. Jan. 25, 1848; m. Rebecca ————.

Children

A—Mildred (739).

5 John (740) b. Mar. 11, 1850. 4 ch.

6 Charles Elwood (741) b. Mar. 3, 1852; m. Eliza ————.

Children

A—Katie (742);B—Lydia (743); C—Minnie (744); D—Hettie (745).

7 Hannah Mary (746) b. Apr. 12, 1854; m. her cousin, William VF (695), son of William and Anna Paugh VF.
8 Adda Drenda (747) b. Nov. 28, 1856.
9 Eugene (748) b. May 15, 1858.
10 Edmund Hiram (749) b. May 24, 1861. Hiram m. (2) Mrs. Fanny Roberts VanFossen. Her first husband, whose name is not known, was in the Civil War and did not return.
11 Ida May (750) b. Jan. 6, 1865.
12 Clarissa (751) b. Jan. 12, 1870.
13 Minerva (752) b. Nov. 1, 1872.
14 Hiram (753) b. June 31, 1875.

Joseph Leonard (668 above) son of Thomas and Dorothy VF, m. Kate ———. Possibly the name of his wife was Catherine Ernhardt. Res. Kulpsville, Pa. where he kept a general store. His wife d. when the children were small, and after trying to keep his family together with a housekeeper to look after them, the children were placed in the homes of relatives on his wife's side.

Children

1 Dorothy (754) b. about 1861; m. 1882 ————; d. about 1921.
2 Joseph (755).
3 Elwood (756).
4 Harry (757).
5 Ida (758).
6 Bertha (759).
7 Byram (760).
8 Thomas (761).

All of the above families lived in Manayunk, Pa. except Dorothy who lived in Norristown.

Joseph (755 above) m. Catherine ———. He d. about 1923. Bur. in Lansdale Cem. on Main St.

Children

1 Raymond (762) b. Jan. 10, 1871; m. Aug. 8, 1905, Margaret Regina O'Reilly. No ch. He d. May 18, 1938. Bur. Old Cathedral Cem. Phila.
2 Allen (763). Res. Anniston, Ala.
3 Joseph (764). Res. Anniston, Ala. Unm.
4 Morris (765). Unm. Res. with the family of his brother Raymond, Phila.
5 Mary (766) m. (1) William Hoffow; m. (2) Judge ——— Wells. Res. Mt. Holly, N. J.

Harry (*757 above*) Res. Roxborough, Phila.

Children

1 Arthur (767); 2 Harry Jr. (768); 3 Leonard (769) 4 David (770).

Leonard (*639 above*) b. 1748, son of Conrad and Ann Bon VF, m. Mary Tyson (Tiesen) b. 1753, sister of Jacob Tyson (proved by his will). She d. 1831. Leonard was a blacksmith and wheelwright and probably worked with his father in the shop at Providence Square. By his father's will in 1777 he had received "all the tools of his trade, two mares, a wagon, plough, Harrow, and cleaning mill as well as the plantation of 100 A. in Worcester Tp." His father and mother had bought 153 A. in Worcester Tp. in 1727 and on May 5, 1777 they conveyed 107 A. 15 P of this land on Mill Road, east of Blue Ball Hotel, Trucksess Corners to Leonard for 5 shillings. This land was transferred "for the love and affection which they bear to their said son, and for his advancement in the world.....for his use and behoof..... under the proportional part of the yearly quit rent thereafter accruing for the same to the Chief Lord or Lords of the Fee thereof."

Besides this land, Leonard owned 8¾ A. in Worcester Tp. for which he paid £233 2s 8p. On Oct. 8, 1797, he sold five acres of this tract to Jacob Custer, husband of his cousin, Elizabeth VF. (1362). He made his will Aug. 9, 1831 and it was proved Nov. 23, 1833. He bequeathed half (53½ A.) of his home plantation which had been given him by his parents, as well as the four acre lot in the same township, to his son Joseph, and the other half (53½ A.) to his son Jacob's widow and children. These beneficiaries were required to make cash payments to their mother, Mary, and the other heirs. But Mary died in 1831, aged 78 y. 3 m. 21 d. Both Leonard and Mary are bur. in Skippack Mennonite B. G.

The 1790 census lists his family as 1 male over 16, 3 males under 16, 3 females.

Children of Leonard and Mary Tyson VF:

1 Joseph (771) b. Oct. 18, 1775.
2 Jacob (772) m. Elizabeth Been.
3 Catherine (773) m. John Force.

4 Elizabeth (774) m. Nov. 24, 1808, Henry Been by Rev. George Wack. She d. 1870, aged 86. He d. 1865. Both bur. in Wentz B. G. near Skippack.
5 Michael (775) b. Dec. 12, 1785, m. Christiana Beyer.

Joseph (*771 above*) m. Sarah Rittenhouse, b. 1778. He followed the family tradition and became a blacksmith and wheelwright. He had inherited the homestead of 53½ A. and a four-arce lot in Worcester Tp. He made his will July 21, 1845; probated June 2, 1854. He d. Dec. 28, 1853 in Whitpain Tp. and is bur. in Methacton B. G. Sarah d. 1850.

Children as Proved by Will

1 Leonard Rittenhouse (776) b. Jan. 4, 1804.
2 Mary (777) m. May 20, 1832, Isaac Spare by Rev. George Wack.
3 Catherine (778) m. Henry Frick, exec. with her brother Leonard, of their father's estate.
4 Sarah (779) m. Isaac Been.

Leonard Rittenhouse (*776 above*) m. Sept. 20, 1827 Sophia Derstine by Rev. George Wack. He. d. Jan. 5, 1894.

Children

1 Joseph D. (780) b. Mar. 29, 1831; m. Caroline Sheffe, b. 1833. Res. Skippack Tp. He d. Mar. 12, 1873; bur. Skippack B.G.

Children

A—Dau. (781) d. in inf.
B—Dau. (782) d. in inf.
C—Sophia (783) b. Oct. 17, 1857; m. John Moyer. Res. Towamencin Tp.
Children: a—Mary, b. 1878; b—Trena, b. 1880.

2 Isaac D. (784) b. Aug. 23, 1834; m. 1856, Edith H. Cassel. Res. Worcester Tp. d. Dec. 21, 1911. Bur. Plain Mennonite Cem. near Lansdale, Pa.

Children

A—Amos Cassel (785) b. Sept. 19, 1861; m. 1885, Annie K. Been. Res. Lansdale, Pa. She d. 1934.

Children

a—Edith (786) b. Nov. 22, 1886.
b—Miriam (787) b. Jan. 15, 1889.
c—Harold Been (788) b. July 29, 1898.

B—Laura (789) b. Nov. 26, 1870; m. J. Harry Frantz.

3 James D. (790) b. Nov. 23, 1837; m. Ann Eliza Frick. Occ. Wheelwright. Res. Lansdale, Pa. He d. Oct. 2, 1923.

Children

A—Elenora (791) b. Nov. 5, 1861; m. Harry S. Gerhart.

Jacob (*772 above*) m. Nov. 17, 1807, Elizabeth Been, by Rev. George Wack. Elizabeth was baptized May 25, 1817 at the Wentz Reformed Church. She d. 1840, aged 52 y. Jacob was baptized Apr. 15, 1827. He d. Jan. 26, 1831. Both bur. at Wentz B. G. His father, Leonard (639 above) willed one half of his plantation to Jacob's widow and children.

Children

1 Margaret (792) b. Aug. 28, 1808; m. David Johnson, b. 1803. He d. 1871. She d. 1881.
Children: A—Nathan; B—Hophni; C—Jane.

2 Mary (793) b. Oct. 27, 1809; m. Oct. 31, 1830, Benj. Spare. He d. aged 68 y. She d. aged 80 y. A dau. m. Thompson Keil. The children named below were minors at the time of Jacob's death and guardians were appointed.

3 Susanna (794) b. Aug. 17, 1811; m. Dec. 22, 1836, James Keil.

Children

A—Susan; B—James, m. Tienna Keyser; C—Anna; D—Maggie, m. ———— Beidler.

4 Elizabeth (795) b. May 30, 1818; m. ———— Vice.

5 Lydia (796) b. Oct. 17, 1824; m. Israel Bender. She d. 1845.

6 Harriet (797) b. Mar. 13, 1823; m. Frank Sperry.
Children: A—Samuel; B—Jacob.

7 John (798) d. aged 15 y.

Michael (*775 above*) m. Christiana Beyer, b. Oct. 20, 1787, dau. of Jacob and Rachel Metz Beyer.

Children

1 Joseph (799) b., June 14, 1810: m. (1) Rebecca Metz.

Children

A—Charlotte (800) m. ————Locke.

He m. (2) Catherine Darner.

B—Wilson (801).

C—Ida (802) m. ———— Shirk.

He d. May 11, 1900.

2 Charlotte (803) b. Dec. 22, 1815; m. Amos Shull. She d. Oct. 30, 1880.
Children: A—Anna, m.———— Rittenhouse.

3 Jacob (804) b. Sept. 3, 1819; m. Fayette Groff. He d. Jan. 30, 1895.

Children

A—Josiah G. (805) 3 ch.

B—Amanda (806) 6 ch.

C—Angeline (807) 2 ch.

4 Eli (808) b. Aug. 30, 1828; m. Elizabeth Hallman. He d. Mar. 23, 1895.

Children

A—Allen H. (809) b. Sept. 1, 1854 at Green Lane, Pa.

B—Lizzie Erma (810).
C—Harry Edwin (811).
D—Hazel B. (812).

Allen H. (*809 above*) m. Mathilda Boorse, dau. of Herman and Mary Boorse, Mill owner and lumber dealer. Res. Green Lane. She d. Nov. 1939; he d. 1940.

Children

1 Charles Linford (813) b. Nov. 19, 1877.
2 William Lester (814).
3 Mary Emma (815). Unm.
4 Edith Boorse (816) Unm. School teacher.

Charles Linford (*813 above*) m. (1) Ruiess E. Wells. She d. Jan. 26, 1932. Newspaper man in Camden, N. J.

Children

1 Charles Allen (817) b. Nov. 3, 1908; m. June 1, 1940, Naomi Virginia Hofflinger. Newspaper man. Res. Camden, N. J.

Children

A—Charles Allen Jr. (818) b. Sept. 20, 1942.

2 Robert Wells (819) b. Mar. 10, 1914; m. 1938, Ethel Landolt. Newspaper man. Res. Camden, N. J.

Children

A—Barbara
B—Ruiess (821), twin.
C—Ruth (822), twin.
D—Alice (823).

Charles L. m. (2) Oct. 1934, Mrs. Alice Hinchman Norris. He d. Apr. 10, 1943.

Michael VF bought a grist and hulling mill at Center Point from Jacob Beyer in 1832. It is said to have descended to his dau. Charlotte and her husband, Amos Shutt. He d. Jan. 30, 1865; bur. Wentz Reformed Ch. B. G. Military record: "Michael VF, 5th class; 51st Reg't; Capt. Andrew Kremer" War of 1812 (Penna Arch. 6th Ser.; v 7, p 114).

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The place of this family in the records has not been determined. Nor is it known from which son of Emigrant Arnold he is descended.

Henry (*1400*) b. June 29, 1788; m. Aug. 22, 1816, Ann VanHorn at Philadelphia. He d. Jan. 31, 1842.

Children

1 George Rex (1401) b. Mar. 31, 1817.
2 Elizabeth (1402) b. June 17, 1818.
3 Mathias Morris (1403) b. June 6, 1821.
4 Martha Ann (1404) b. May 30, 1824.
5 Mary (1405) b. Feb. 11, 1826.
6 Walter Howard (1406) b. Oct. 14, 18—.
7 Stephen Brock (1407) b. May 17, 1827.
8 Mathias Morris (1408) b. Mar. 25, 1829.
9 Barnet B. (1409) b. Sept. 19, 1834.
10 Ann E. (1410) b. Jan. 29, 1839.

Stereotype edition Bible with these records is in possession of Charles H. S. VF of Wilmington, Del. Also Marriage Certificate and letter from George R. dated Memphis, Tenn., Oct. 4, 1849, to his mother, Ann, at Doylestown, Pa.

Stephen Brock (1407 above) m. July 8, 1852, Elizabeth Wildy. Res. Marshalltown, Del. He d. Aug. 31, 1910; bur. Smyrna, Del.

Children

1 Mary E. (1411) b. June 8, 1854.
2 Susana (1412) b. Sept. 2, 1856.
3 Lenora M. (1413) b. Jan. 14, 1859.
4 Charles M. (1414) b. June 19, 1867 at Smyrna.
5 Alonzo M. (1415) b. June 7, 1870.
6 Stephen B. (1416) b. Sept. 3, 1872.

A Bible, dated 1853 with above records, Marriage Certificate, and certificate of exemption for a drafted man on account of disability, dated Sept. 23, 1864 at Wilmington, Del. is in possession of Charles H. S. VF of Wilmington.

Charles M. (1414 above) m. May 26, 1896 at Wilmington, Sarah J. Simpson b. Feb. 27, 1872. He d. Mar. 2, 1941. Bur. Smyrna, Del.

Children

1 Charles H. S. (1417) b. Aug. 11, 1899; m. Apr. 23, 1924, Mary C. Booth.

Children

A—Elizabeth C. (1418) b. Mar. 30, 1946.

2 Frances S. (1419) b. Apr. 21, 1902.

Chapter XIII

DESCENDANTS OF CONRAD, SON OF THE EMIGRANT ARNOLD; PETER OF CHESTER COUNTY, PA.

THE VIRGINIA BRANCH

PART I—JACOB OF AUGUSTA COUNTY

Jacob (*640 above*) of Worcester Tp. Montgomery Co. Pa. was a wheelwright and carpenter by occupation. He m. (1) Susanna ——— about 1773-4.

Children

1 Abraham (824) b. 1774.
2 Catherine (825) m. ——— Dixon.
3 Elizabeth (826) b. about 1783; m. Nov. 25, 1801, Francis Lambert. "Jacob VF and Francis Lambert are surety for Francis Lambert and Elizabeth, dau. of the above bound Jacob, Nov. 26, 1801." (Chalkkey, v 2, 341).
4 Jesse (827) b. Oct. 23, 1785. (See Chapter 14, Licking County, Ohio.)

During 1780 and 1781, Jacob was tax collector in Worcester Tp. (Pa. Arch. Ser. 3; v15, pp 570, 572). In 1781 his taxable valuation was £96; tax £1-1-11 (Pa. Arch. Ser. 3, v 16, p 58). His occupation was given as carpenter. In 1782, his valuation was £102; tax £0-14-7. (Pa. Arch. Ser. 3, v 16, p212). In this year he bought 27 arces in Worcester Tp. from his father, Peter. In 1783 he was listed as having 27 A. 1 horse, 2 cows, 6 sheep (Pa. Arch. Ser. 3, v 16, p 719). Jacob and Susanna sold 27 A. May 9, 1786. Jacob bought 7 A. in Norriton Tp. which adjoins Worcester, May 22, 1786.

It is probable that Susanna died about this time and that Jacob went to Augusta County, Virginia on a visit, for on Jan. 1, 1787, he and John Henger witnessed a deed there. (Deed Bk. 26, p 51; Chalkley, v 3, p 581). He m. (2) Mary ———, probably before 1790 for that census lists him in Montgomery County with 2 males over 16, 1 male under 16, 3 females. This would correspond with the children listed

above: himself and Abraham over 16, Jesse under 16, his wife and daughters Elizabeth and Catherine.

Jacob and Mary sold 7 A. in Norriton Tp. Apr. 18, 1793. June 29, 1793, Jacob bought another plantation in Norriton. Within two years the family moved to Augusta County, Virginia for on Mar. 23, 1795 Jacob declared himself and son Abraham taxable in Augusta County. (Chalkley 1,531). The next year, Apr. 4, 1796 Jacob and Mary sold their Norriton plantation and thereafter Jacob appears no more in the records of Montgomery Co., Pa.

Nov. 5, 1796, Jacob witnessed John Gardiner's will in Augusta Co. (Will Bk. 8, 253; Chalkley 3,211) In 1798 he bought 100 acres on the north side of Middle River near Fort Defiance from William Allen for £130. On Jan. 28, 1799, Jacob VF of Augusta County, Va., oldest son of Peter VF acknowledged receipt of £140,11,8 from his brother Benjamin, administrator of their father's estate "in full satisfaction of my two shares out of said estate." (Recorder of Deeds, Chester Co. Pa. Bk.S 2, p 316) Jacob m. (3) Sally Lambert, Apr. 3, 1806 by Wm. King. (Augusta Co., Marriages compiled by Col. Thos Hughart Chapter, D.A.R.)

Children of Jacob and Sally Lambert probably were

5 William (828) b. 1815.
6 James C. (829) b. 1817.

Family tradition gives rather a clear picture of Jacob and his family. His descendants have three outstanding characteristics: excellent craftsmanship, particularly in building and cabinet making; unusual musical ability; and fine marksmanship with a keen love of hunting and fishing.

In 1820 Jacob and Sarah sold the real estate of Adam Lambert to Philip Nevergall for $300. The deed does not state how they acquired this property. (Deed Bk. 44, p 324).

Nov. 27, 1832 Jacob made the following declaration:

"That he was born Sept. 8, 1756 in Worcester Tp. in the then Philadelphia County, Pa. and moved to Augusta Co., Va. after the war." (Note: Philadelphia Co. was later divided into Phila. and Montgomery.) "In 1776 he joined a volunteer company then forming in his neighborhood near Philadelphia. They were to remain at home and be ready, like minute men, for instant service. In 1776 they were assembled at the tavern of Jacob Wentz, their captain, and marched to Phila., where they joined

the command of Col. John Bull, Major Rob. Curry, and Adjutant William Armstrong. Thence to Amboy, passing through Trenton, Princeton, Brunswick, and crossing the Delaware and Raritan Rivers.

They held Amboy to prevent the enemy on Long Island from crossing; were employed in digging entrenchments for several weeks; compelled to work altogether at night; suffered much from unwholesome food, and found lime had been mixed with flour by a Tory miller; returned home after two months service. In Sept. 1777 was again called out; was promoted to Ensign which he held during the war. Assembled at Wentz' Tavern Sept. 8, and marched to Brandywine on Sept. 11; also was at Monmouth on June 20, 1778; was constantly under arms between Brandywine and Monmouth. (Chalkley v 2, p. 479).

On Feb. 14, 1833, Jacob and Sarah sold 100 A. on Middle River to Jacob Baylor for $1,150. (Deed Bk. 54, p 411). A number of grantee and grantor deeds in the name of Jacob VF are recorded in Rockingham Co. Sept. 18, 1840 an indenture is recorded between Jacob VF and Sarah, his wife, grantors of Augusta Co. and Joseph Helms of Rockingham County, grantee, concerning 71 acres by name of "McCullough's Tract," being part of the same tract which said VanFossen purchased from McCullough and sold by VanFossen to Israel Shaver, and by consent of said VF made a deed for part of said tract to said Helms, bounded as follows ....Jacob VF personally appeared in the Rockingham Court....in order that the deed may be recorded. (Bk. 14, 204).

In 1845 George Greiner and Julia Ann, his wife, "qualified" on the estate of Jacob VF. George William Crawford was appointed guardian of John C. and Caroline, minor (grand) children of Jacob. In the records is the settlement of the estate of William VF, deceased, and James VF is mentioned, to whom William gave a deed of trust on some personal property.

Abraham (824 above) oldest son of Jacob and Susanna VF was born in Montgomery Co. Pa. about 1774. He was listed as taxable in Augusta Co. Va. in 1795. Tradition names Thomas (830) as one of his sons who went to Clark County, Missouri in early days. John (831) son of Thomas, is said to have located in Sullivan Co. Mo. where he raised a family of three sons and a daughter. No records of this family have been found.

Mrs. Olive E. VanFossen, grand-daughter of John Greiner VF (931 below) Humhreys, Mo. said in a letter to the author, Nov. 30, 1938; "When Grandfather's next younger brother, William, would come to visit us, he and Grandfather, who lived with us, would talk about their relatives in Virginia, and often mentioned 'Abram'. I am not sure who Abram was, and Grandfather and (great) Uncle William did not know much about their folks as they were so young when they left Virginia."

**William (828 above)* m. about 1837, Julia Ann Hurst. They lived on a farm near Fort Defiance, possibly with his parents. He d. about 1843, shortly before the birth of their third child. His wife, Julia Ann, died a few months later. His property was appraised and ordered sold by the Augusta Co. Court in 1845, and his estate was settled in 1847. Julia Ann VF's estate was settled 1845.

Children

1 John Crawford (832) b. 1838-9; m. Susie Keiger, dau. of William G. and Martha Kennon Keiger of Winchester, Va. After the death of his grandfather Jacob in 1845, he was adopted by George W. Crawford, a farmer, and is listed with this family in the 1850 census. (Augusta Co. Court Records.) He was a captain in the Confederate Army on the staff of Gen. Jenkins. After the War, he was principal of the first school in Winchester which was held in the basement of the Braddock St. M. E. Church (Border Settlers of N. W. Virginia, p. 161); (Shenandoah Valley Pioneers, p. 498) He d. about 1911. Susie Keiger VF d. Mar. 12, 1932. No ch. (Obit, Winchester, Va., newspaper, Mar. 12, 1932.)

2 Martha Ann (833) b. 1841. Unm. d. about 1922. She was adopted by Mrs. Annie R. Harnsberger, and in the 1850 census she is listed with the family of a school master, Asael Pearce and his wife Emily. For many years Martha Ann, or "Mattie," taught a S. S. class in the old Stone Presbyterian church at Fort Defiance.

3 Julia (834) b. 1843. She was adopted by Robert and Nancy Anderson, and is listed with the family in the 1850 census. She m. Milton Parkins, Winchester, Va.

Children

A—Mattie, m. S. F. Birthright, Silver Springs, Md.

In the Augusta County Court records, John C. and Caroline, minors, are named in the administration of Jacob's

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*See letter in Chapter 9, part II; also Chapter 14, Licking Co.

estate, together with William, deceased, as mentioned above. It is probable that one of the little girls had been adopted previously to Jacob's death. "Caroline" was undoubtedly renamed either "Martha" or "Julia" by her foster parents, but there seems no way to determine which one was the "Caroline" who was living in Jacob's home at the time of his death.

see below
5 Lucy (845) b. 1877; m. ——— Jones.
6 Emma (846) b. 1879; m. ——— Parrish.

James C. (829 above); m. Louisa Murray, b. 1815.

Children

1 Sarah J. (835) b. 1838.
2 William E. (836) b. 1840.
3 Jacob D. (837) b. 1843.
4 James N. (838) b. about 1846.

Jacob D. (837 above) m. Sarah Talley, b. 1815. Res. Mt. Sidney, Va.

Children

1 Louisa (839) b. 1865; m. ——— Landis.
2 James M. (840) b. 1868.
3 Sally (841) b. 1871; m. ——— Davis.
4 Ashby T. (842) b. June 19, 1874 at Verona, Va. R. R. employee. He m. Eliza Phillips at Crimora, Va.

Children

A—Luella (843) b. Feb. 3, 1908; m. ——— Cale.
B—William Clyde (844) b. Oct. 22, 1911.

see above
5 Lucy
6 Emma

James N. (838 above) m. Elizabeth Campbell, Mt. Sidney, Va.

Children

1 Rosa Bell (847) m. Clyde Heller. Res. Long Island City, N. J.
Children: A—John Edward.
2 Edward Marshall (848) b. Apr. 21, 1877.
3 John Andrew (849); m. Emma Winter.
Children: A—Elizabeth Emma (850) m. Walter Kane.
Children: a—Warren William; b—Gene Raymond.
B—John Robert (851) m. Josephine ———.
Children: a—John Robert Jr. (852); b—Daughter (853).

Edward Marshall (848 above) m. Dec. 31, 1907, Mary Margaret Mitchell, b. Mar. 28, 1877 at Stuart's Draft, Va. Carpenter. He d. Jan. 3, 1936, bur. Stuart's Draft, Va.

Children

1 Helen Margaret (854) b. Nov. 11, 1908 at High Falls, N. Y.
2 Edith Douglas (855) b. Dec. 13, 1909; m. 1936, Charles Coyner.
3 Edward M. Jr. (856) b. Apr. 23, 1913.
4 Mary Virginia (857) b. May 28, 1914; m. 1934, John Forbes.
5 Rosa Elizabeth (858) b. Sept. 27, 1917.
6 Laura Isabella (859) b. Sept. 27, 1917.
7 James Graham (860) b. Nov. 11, 1922.

PART II

JOHN OF AUGUSTA COUNTY

John (*641 above*) son of Peter of Chester County, Pennsylvania undoubtedly went to Augusta County and located six miles west of Staunton near Hebron Church. By occupation he was a wooden pump maker. One outstanding characteristic is found in nearly every descendant of John—they were great hunters and fishermen and qualified as expert marksmen. Love of music and musical ability were secondary only to their love of hunting. A third strong interest was in building, both as carpenters, as cabinet makers and boat builders. The same is true of the descendants of John's brother, Jacob of Ft. Defiance, Va.

The name of John's wife is not known, but they had at least one son: John Jr. (861) m. Jane Lambert.

Children

1 Jacob (862) b. about 1835.
2 Mary (863) b. 1836. (Possibly she was the Mary, aged 14, who is listed with the family of Dr. Edward Moorman in the 1850 census.)
3 William (864) b. 1838; name of wife not known. He served four years in the Confederate Army; was in the battles of Bull Run and Gettysburg. Res. Staunton, Va. d. 1912.

Children

A—Laura (865) Unm. Res. Sears Hill, Staunton. Not known whether there were other children.

4 Sarah (866).
5 Caroline (867) m. ————. A son, Rolly VF ————. Res. near Bloomington, Ill.
6 Vivian (868).
7 Alexander Young (869) "Sandy"—b. July 29, 1847.
8 Samuel B. (870) b. about 1853.

Jacob (*862 above*) m. Fannie Bridget. Farmer and wooden pump maker "He had gray eyes, fair complexion, light hair; six feet in height." He enlisted in Co. F., 5th Reg. Va. Inf., Confederate States Army, on Mar. 15, 1862; was wounded in the breast at Sharpsburg, Md. on Sept. 17, 1862, and d. Oct. 1, 1862, aged 26 y. Fannie d. soon after. Their two boys were reared by "Grandma" Ellinger.

Children

1 Lafayette (871) b. 1860; name of wife unknown.

Children

A—Raymond (872). Res. West Augusta, Va.
B—Homer (873).
C—Mason (874).
D——— (875); m. ———Mason.

2 William Nelson (876) b. Sept. 21, 1861.

William Nelson (*876 above*) m. Dec. 11, 1887, Rosa L. Rowe, b. June 28, 1872. Res. Staunton, Va. He d. July 2, 1939. At one time the eight sons of William N. had a string orchestra.

Children

1 Leslie Merrill (877) b. Jan. 16, 1889; m. Lucy Ryan. Carpenter and boat builder.
Children: A—Woodrow H. (878) b. June 30, 1912.
2 Earl Arlington (879) b. Jan. 27, 1891.
3 Harold Ivan (880) b. Jan. 25, 1894.
4 Larry Lee (881) b. Sept. 17, 1895.
5 Sadie (882) b. Apr. 23, 1897; d. in inf.
6 Lacy Hanger (883) b. Apr. 12, 1899; builder.
7 Ermine Forest (884) b. Mar. 9, 1902.
8 John Peyton (885) b. Nov. 2, 1904.
9 Carmine Clarence (886) b. July 18, 1914.

Earl Arlington (*879 above*) m. May 30, 1912, Lottie May Gregory at Waynesboro, Va. Printer; sports writer for "Hunter, Trader, Trapper," "Sports Afield," etc; gunsmith; hunter; violinist, and vocalist. He d. May 6, 1947. Res. Staunton, Va.

Children

1 Earl A. Jr. (887) b. July 9, 1914. (See last chapter)
2 Dorothy (888) b. Dec. 18, 1918.
3 Francis (889) b. July 1, 1921.
4 Murray (890) b. Nov. 9, 1922.
5 Catherine (891) b. Feb. 16, 1926.
6 Milby (892) b. Jan. 18, 1929.

Alexander Young (*869 above*) "Sandy" m. Sept. 29, 1870, Nannie J. Rogers, b. about 1848 at Headwaters, Va. Carpenter. Res. Augusta, Va.

"Sandy" VF was a great hunter, and had a family of boys who were also experts in this sport. He d. Jan. 9, 1897, leaving them for their mother to raise. She proved equal to the trust, and also to the demands of making a living for the family. She was proficient in making buckskin gloves from hides which she tanned, and could also help in disposing of the game. Her nephew, Earl A. VF recalls a time when the dog ran a deer into a water hole. Aunt Nannie and some of her boys hauled it out, killed and skinned it.

Children

1 John Preston (893) b. Aug. 2, 1871; m. Nannie Burns.

Children

A—Edna (894). Res. Staunton, Va.
B—Julian (895). Res. Williamsburg, Va.
C—Nina (896). Res. Williamsburg, Va.
D—Lillian (897). Res. Williamsburg, Va.

2 William Lewis (898) b. Mar. 2, 1874; m. Mattie Morris. Res. Staunton, Va. No ch. ....

3 Watson Porter (899) b. Apr. 25, 1876; m. Grace Propst. (Another descendant states that he m. Grace Reed).

Children

A—Lloyd (900).
B—Cecil K. (901); m. Sadie K. ————.
C—Ernest P. (902) m. Clytie W.
D—Hansel Y. (903) m. Ruth ————. All the above res. Charlottesville, Va.

4 Arthur Byrd (904) b. Oct. 17, 1879; m. Mar. 25, 1903, Alberta Lilly Deverick, at McDowell, Va. Carpenter, farmer. Res. Sampsel, Mo.

Children

A—Lillie Jewell (905) b. Jan. 20, 1904.
B—Reginald Elmo (906) b. Oct. 24, 1906; d. Dec. 6, 1936.
C—Wilson (907) b. Jan. 28, 1909.
D—Alva Byrd (908) b. Apr. 22, 1911.
E—Layton Darrell (909) b. Nov. 13, 1912.

5 Newton Lafayette (910) b. July 27, 1882.

6 Grover Cleveland Tucker (911) b. Dec. 10, 1884.

7 Sadonia Ethel (912) b. Sept. 10, 1887; d. Feb. 18, 1898.

Newton Lafayette (*910 above*) m. Stella Buzzerd.

Children

1 Edith (913); m. ————. Res. Richmond, Va.

2 Nannie Alice (914); m ————. Res. Staunton, Va.
3 Nora (915); m. ————. Res. West Augusta, Va.
4 Virginia (916); m. ———— Res. Staunton, Va.
5 Ira (917). Res. Middlebrook, Va.
6 Roy (918). Res. West Augusta, Va.
7 Clara (919). Res. Hyattsville, Md.
8 Lottie May (920). Res. West Augusta, Va.
9 Bessie (921). Res. West Augusta, Va.
10 Nelson (922). Res. West Augusta, Va.

Grover Cleveland Tucker (*911 above*) m. Georgia Anthony. Res. Staunton, Va.

Children

1 Clarice (923).
2 Alma (924).
3 Lewis (925).
4 Elmer (926).
5 Russell (927).
6 William (928).
7 Paul (929).
8 Ruth (930).

Chapter XIV

DESCENDANTS OF CONRAD, SON OF THE EMIGRANT ARNOLD

JACOB OF AUGUSTA COUNTY, VIRGINIA; JESSE OF LICKING COUNTY, OHIO

Jesse (*827 above*) was undoubtedly the son of Jacob (640 above) and was probably born on the 27 acre farm in Worcester Tp., Montgomery County, Pennsylvania. Jacob and his wife, Susanna, sold this farm on May 9, 1786, and on May 22, 1786 bought 7 acres in Norriton Tp. which he and Mary sold Apr. 4, 1796. Susanna had died sometime prior to 1793 when Jacob m. Mary ———. By 1795 the family was located permanently in Augusta County, Virginia and in 1798, bought a farm of 100 acres on the north bank of Middle River near Ft. Defiance. (Recorder of Deeds, Montgomery Co. Pa.; Augusta Co. Va. Deed Bk. 30, p 23; Chalkley's Augusta Co., Abstracts). Before Apr. 3, 1806 Mary died and Sally (Sarah) Lambert became Jacob's third wife. (Augusta Co. Va. Marriages, compiled by D. A. R.)

Family tradition recounts Jesse's ability as a fiddler (a favorite stunt was to play, holding the fiddle behind him, and dance at the same time) and his skill as a hunter—both of which brought him into disfavor with George and Julia Ann Greiner, the parents of Catherine who was Jesse's sweetheart. They wanted a settled farmer as a suitor for their daughter, and in consequence the young couple went quietly up to Hagarstown, Maryland where their marriage by ——— Smucker is recorded on Sept. 11, 1807. (Hagarstown Marriages; 1799-1860).

In 1810 Jesse, Catherine and two children together with his sister Catherine who m. ——— Dixon, left Augusta County and removed to Ohio where they settled in Licking County. In 1811 they leased land in Burlington Tp. five miles east of Appleton, which they cleared and cultivated for seven years. Then they bought a farm in Bennington

Tp., which was owned next by their son Daniel L. and is the home of his great-grandson, Ralph. Jesse lived on this land for more than sixty years and died there in 1866.

In the old log School-house . . . was organized in 1828, what was probably the first religious society in Bennington Township. They called themselves "Christians," but are generally better known as "New Lights" . . . . A number of the settlers accepted the new doctrine . . . . among them was Jesse VanFossen and his wife, Catherine. (History of Licking Co., Brister, 1,270) The first water power saw mill—or mill of any kind —was erected by Jesse VanFossen about one-half mile above Appleton on Indian Run.

The mill dam may still be seen on the opposite side of the road from the farm buildings. Later Jesse built a grist-mill as well as a cider and cane mill. He had the first blacksmith shop in the township, and also made wooden mold boards for his neighbors.

He was a great deer hunter and would go to a salt spring or "deer lick" at dawn where he would get two or three deer. It was his ambition to shoot four before they fled but he was never able to reload and fire the fourth shot in time. He kept the community supplied with venison and sold enough hides to buy the 200 acre farm just east of Appleton, which is still owned by descendants. His long rifle which he brought from Virginia, his powder-horn, bullet mold and ladle, deerskin bag and hand-made stencil-"Jess VanFossen"-are now the prized possessions of his great grandson, Jesse E. of Croton, Ohio.

Children of Jesse and Catherine Greiner VF:

1 John Greiner (931) b. Sept. 20, 1808 in Va.
2 William (932) b. Sept. 29, 1810 in Va.
3 Jacob (933) b. Oct. 12, 1812.
4 David (934) b. Sept. 3, 1814; d. Nov. 17, 1837.
5 James Crawford (935) b. Feb. 11, 1817; d. Sept. 15, 1834.
6 Mary (936) b. June 8, 1819; m. John Carr. She d. Jan. 19, 1838.
7 George W. (937) b. Oct. 11, 1821.
8 Oliver P. (938) b. Oct. 11, 1821; d. Oct. 24, 1821.
9 Susanna (939) b. Mar. 5, 1824; m. ———— Rabb.
10 Jesse Jr. (940) b. Oct. 21, 1826.
11 Catherine (941) b. Mar. 16, 1829; m. Orrin Crow; she d. Feb. 14, 1849.

Children

A—Catherine Melissa, b. Feb. 7, 1849.

12 Elizabeth (942) b. May 17, 1831; m. Elizah Lake. Res. Story Co., Iowa.
13 Daniel Lyman (943) b. Aug. 16, 1835.

Jesse VF and his wife, Catherine are buried in the old Appleton Cem. "Jesse d. Mar. 22, 1866 aged 82 y. 4 m. 30 d," "Catherine, wife of Jesse, d. June 8, 1847, aged 84 y. 2 m. 29 d." Catherine's parents, George and Julia Ann Greiner of Augusta Co., Va. "qualified" on the estate of Jesse's father, Jacob in 1845.

John Greiner (*931 above*) m. Apr. 10, 1831, Olive Sanger who was b. in Conn. dau. of James C. Sanger. He was an associate judge in the Licking County Court, 1849-50. Olive d. May 18, 1855 and is bur. in the Appleton Cem. John G. and son Ira went to Iowa and about 1870 located in Sullivan Co., Mo. where he became an extensive land owner and stock raiser. He d. Mar. 16, 1904, at the home of Ira, 10 miles south west of Milan, Mo. Bur. Glaze Run Cem.

Children

1 Achsa (944) b. Dec. 25, 1831; m. Orick Baker. She d. 1899, Humphreys, Mo.

Children

A—Ella, m. ———— Brown.
B—John, m. ———— Green.
C—Clara, m. Charles Meyers. Their son, Dr. Jay A. Meyers, of Minneapolis, Minn., was an eminent authority on tuberculosis.
D—Frank.
E—Sally, m. J. G. Case.

2 Harvey (945) b. 1835; d. in Civil War at Mount City, Ill., Aug. 30, 1863.
3 Laura (946) b. 1838; d. May 2, 1857.
4 James Ira (947) b. May 14, 1841; m. Jan. 28, 1872 in Sullivan Co., Mo. Hannah C. Glaze, b. Oct. 7, 1850. Res. Humphreys, Mo. Stock raiser. He d. Oct. 4, 1919; she d. Nov. 28, 1925.

Children

A—Olive E. (948) b. Aug. 11, 1873; m. Nov. 2, 1911 at Newark, O. Delmon VF (999) son of James Monroe VF. Res. Detroit, Mich.; Humphreys, Mo.

Children

a—Kirby (949) b. Feb. 27, 1913.

B—John Conrad (950) b. Aug. 11, 1875.
C—Oliver Barton (951) b. Sept. 15, 1877.

D—William Romulus (952) b. Oct. 2, 1879.
E—Daniel Edison (953) b. Oct. 13, 1881; m. Nov. 1925 at Denver, Colo., Pearl Callihan. Res. Antioch, Cal. Refinery manager.

Children

a—Elma Mae (954) b. Nov. 25, 1937.

John Conrad (*950 above*) m. Sept. 1906 at Spickard, Mo., Verna Cowgill, dau. of Rev. Wiley Cowgill. Res. Pueblo, Colo. Manager of hatchery.

Children

1 Lulu Corinne (955) b. Mar. 12, 1910.
2 James Ira (956) b. Dec. 10, 1912.

Oliver Barton (*951 above*) m. Apr. 6, 1906 at E. St. Louis, Ill., Zenith Moyer, dau. of Judge Moyer. Res. Wichita, Kan. Physician.

Children

1 Doris (957) b. Mar. 15, 1910.
2 Maxine (958) b. Dec. 22, 1917.

William Romulus (*952 above*) m. Apr. 2, 1911 at Roger, Mo., Verna DeWitt, dau. of W. H. W. Dewitt. Res. Humphreys, Mo. Farmer.

Children

1 Marian (959) b. Dec. 21, 1918.
2 Lura Christine (960) b. Feb. 18, 1920.
3 Clarence J. (961) b. Feb. 22, 1922.

William (*932 above*) was born in Augusta Co. Va. and came with his parents to Licking County in 1811. As a result of the burning of the County Court House in 1875, the only vital records available are those which have been preserved in the families.

Probably William and his family lived in Licking County until about 1850 when he and his younger brother, Jesse, Jr., went to California. They had promised to build a barn, so waited until it was finished in spite of the urge of the "Gold fever." Daniel went with them to camp for the first night of their journey. William was rugged while Jesse was slender, but on the way the former had his leg

broken by the kick of a horse. He made a leather boot, used his gun for a crutch and walked, as he could not stand the jolt of the wagon. In spite of his injury, he stood his turn at picket duty. Indians eventually stole all but one of their horses and they had to abandon the wagon. They camped at Pueblo, Colorado one night; met Kit Carson at Salt Lake City and traded horses with him to their mutual satisfaction.

Adelbert VF, Eureka, Ill. tells a story of this trip which his grandfather, William, often told his family and neighbors. He and Jesse Jr. were crossing the Nebraska plains when a blizzard struck them. By afternoon they were almost frozen, but had the good luck to run onto a herd of buffalo. They each shot a large one, quickly "gutted" it, and took refuge inside the warm carcass. By morning the storm had subsided and they were able to proceed on their way.

After prospecting in California with fair success for some time, William became anxious to return to his family, and the brothers took a coast-wise boat from San Francisco to Central America, crossed Lake Nicaragua, the Caribbean Sea, the Gulf of Mexico and entered the U. S. at New Orleans. Thence came up the Mississippi and Ohio Rivers to Cincinnati. On Lake Nicaragua, they were becalmed for days and their provisions were about used up. When they were finally able to get to shore, William and Jesse sighted a deer which they stalked until they could get a shot at it, thus relieving the situation.

William had become acquainted with the Illinois country as a young man, when he and a group of neighbors would make up a wagon train and haul their stock and grain to Chicago and bring back their winter's supply of flour and groceries. Years later, he described Chicago in those early days as having been "not much larger than Appleton."

Adelbert VF further reminisces: I can vouch for my Grandfather being a crack shot. We used to take long walks when he would be visiting at our house, and he would show me where he had shot deer when going back or forth between his farm and Eureka. I would try to shoot squirrels, but had to lay his long, muzzle-loader on a log or rail fence because I was too small to hold it up. He gave me several jawings for missing their heads.

He is the proud owner of this old rifle, a shot gun, and a walnut tool chest with some tools brought from the East. In the tool chest was a ledger, dated 1858. It shows that he ran a threshing machine until 1860 when the entries stop. Other items include the sale of a "dear skin" for 50c, and molasses for 50c a gallon.

William (*932 above*) m. (1) Mary Crane, b. Aug. 17, 1812.

Children

1 John F. (962) b. Feb. 5, 1834; m. Sept. 15, 1859, Millie Foster. No ch. His father deeded him his farm of 253 acres, located four and one-half miles south-east of Eureka. He raised hogs and grain until the early 1880s when he started in the horse raising business—specializing in Kentucky driving horses—but continued to operate his farm. He kept an expert trainer, and had a half-mile track laid out. He had two or three horses that made good on the race track, and sold quite a number of teams at $1,000 each. He carried on this business until he moved into town in 1893. (A letter to the author from Adelbert VF, dated Mar. 8, 1939.) John F. d. Aug. 1910. Bur. Eureka, Ill.
2 George (963). Res. Webb City, Mo.
3 Luther (964). Res. Baxter Springs, Kan. He was a Civil War veteran, probably enlisted in Kan.

Children

A—Dau. (965) m. Charles Labardee, a Cherokee Indian.

4 Jacob (966) b. about 1841; drowned in the Mackinac River, June 7, 1859.
5 Millie (967) m. Allen Rakestraw. Res. Baxter Springs, Kan.
6 William H. (968) b. Nov. 17, 1847 in Licking County.

William and Mary separated, and he m. (2) Rebecca Foster Rabb, oldest sister of his son John's wife. Adelbert VF remembers that his grandmother (Mary) used to come from her home in Ohio, to visit them in Eureka. When she died in Licking County, her sons, John F. and William H. brought her body to Eureka for burial. Her tombstone in the village cemetery reads: "Mary VanFossen, born Aug. 17, 1812; died Feb. 20, 1886." William d. Jan. 10, 1902. Bur. in the old Appleton Cem.

William H. (*968 above*) m. Aug. 19, 1869 at Eureka, Ill., Nancy House, who was born in Ohio. He d. Aug. 18, 1916. Bur. Eureka, Ill.

Children

1 Dau. (696) b. May 8, 1871; d. June 26, 1871.
2 Adelbert D. (970) b. July 29, 1872 at Kankakee, Ill.; m. Dec. 22, 1910 at Peoria, Ill., Margaret Kief. Res. Eureka, Ill.

Children

A—Thelma Katherine (971) b. Aug. 1, 1911; m. Joseph Hutter. Res. Peoria, Ill.
B—Alma Dell (972) b. June 22, 1912; m. Clarence Brubaker. Res. Eureka, Ill.
Ch.: a—Jerry, b. 1937.
C—Margaret Nancy (973) b. June 16, 1914; m. Franklin Gerber.

Children

a—Nancy, b. 1935; b—Franklin Dell, b. 1937.

Jacob (*933 above*) m. Mar. 23, 1841 in Wheeling, W. Va., Susan Evans, b. June 20, 1813, dau. of Lewis and ——— Shafer Evans. She d. Jan. 8, 1902. Res. Appleton, Ohio. (Bennington Tp.).

Children

1 Elizabeth Catherine (974) b. July 9, 1842; d. Aug. 17, 1843.
2 Emily Corintha (975) b. Apr. 23, 1844; m. Aug. 20, 1867, James Oren Montgomery.

Children

A—Clayton; B—Clyde.

3 Harmon Jesse (976) b. Jan. 23, 1847; m. (1) Oct. 17, 1878, Charlotte Lucy Randolph, b. Oct. 27, 1851. She d. Dec. 25, 1895.

Children

A—Mae LaVerne (977) b. 1880; m. June 26, 1902, George R. Overmire. He m. (2) Jan. 14, 1897, Cora B. Remer.

4 Rosetta Caroline (978) b. Feb. 3, 1852; m. William Porter Wright.

Children

A—Elsie; B—Lewell; C—Ralph B.
She d. Oct. 10, 1917.

5 Melissa Alice (979) b. Jan. 31, 1854; m. Oct. 23, 1877 at Appleton, George Swan Innis, b. Aug. 9, 1850. He was Professor of Bible and Political Economy at Hamlin U., Minneapolis, Minn. After he retired they removed to Tacoma, Wash. She d. 1932.

Children

A—Homer Clarence, m. Eunice Schofner, Port Lavaca, Texas.
B—Ethelyn, m. Dr. Edward A. Rich, Tacoma, Wash.

6 Mary Clementine (980) b. Jan. 24, 1858. Unm.
7 Lewis Jay (981) b. Feb. 22, 1860.

Lewis Jay (*981 above*) m. May 16, 1888 at Mankato, Minn., Luella Jane Bradley, b. Dec. 29, 1861. Lawyer. Res. Minneapolis, Minn.

Children

1 Alice Lucille (982) b. Apr. 1, 1890; m. June 24, 1917, Gaylord Hancock. Manager, Carnation condensery. Res. Coshocton, Ohio; Galax, Va.

Children

A—Elizabeth Jane, b. Jan. 11, 1920.
B—Mary Alice, b. Mar. 21, 1923.
C—Dorothy Gayle, b. Feb. 5, 1927.

2 Harriet Elizabeth (983) b. Oct. 23, 1891; m. Oct. 20, 1914, John Howard Putz. Res. Madison, and Spooner, Wis.

Children

A—John Lewis; B—Laura Alice; C—Donald Van.

3 Susan Marguerite (984) b. Aug. 19, 1894; m. June 1918, Judson Chastain. Res. Shaw and Lexington, Miss. She d. May 1937.

Children

A—Margaret Wright; B—James Judson.

4 Robert Lewis (985) b. July 4, 1898; m. July 17, 1928, Theodosia Foote. Lawyer; res. Minneapolis, Minn.

Children

A—Theodosia Lawther (986) b. Nov. 17, 1929.
B—Courtenay (987) b. June 26, 1933.
C—Sandra Foote (988) b. Jan. 4, 1935.

5 Gladys Ruth (989) b. June 26, 1899. Unm. Teacher, Santa Barbara, Cal., State College.

George W. (*937 above*) m. Apr. 15, 1847 at Appleton, Ohio. Fanny Lake, b. Dec. 28, 1822, dau. of Jesse and Elizabeth English Lake; sister of Sarah, wife of his brother Daniel VF. Res. Johnstown, O. (Monroe Tp.) She d. Aug. 25, 1896. He d. 1910.

Children

1 Katherine (990) b. 1849; m. Harmon Baker. She d. 1934.
Ch.:—A—Ralph; B—Lou.

2 James Monroe (991) b. June 23, 1853.

3 Rovenna (992) b. 1855; m. (1) ——— Hutchins; (2) Homer Green. Res. Johnstown, O. She d. 1900.
Ch.: A—Della; B—Dau.; C—Van.

4 Lucinda (993) b. 1858; d. 1874.

5 Julia A. (994) b. 1860; m. Horton Green. Res. Johnstown, O.
Ch.: A—Forest; B—Dau.

James Monroe (*991 above*) m. 1874 at Johnstown, Ohio, Anna Tippy, b. Mar. 23, 1855 at Johnstown, dau. of James and Levina Tippy. Res. Monroe Tp. He d. Jan. 15, 1929.

Children

1 Clyde (995) b. June 4, 1875; m. Dec. 11, 1915 at Newark, Ohio, Opal Schumacher. Res. Newark, Ohio.

Children

A—Mildred (996) b. 1919; m. July 22, 1939, Geo. McCray.
B—John (997) b. 1921; d. 1931.
C—Eloise (998) b. 1923.

2 Delmon (999) b. 1876; m. Nov. 2, 1911 at Newark, Ohio, Olive E. VanFossen (948) b. Aug. 11, 1873 at Humphreys, Mo., dau. of James Ira and Hannah Glaze VF. Res. Detroit, Mich.; Humphreys, Mo.

Children

A—Kirby (1000) b. Feb. 27, 1913.

3 Estella (1001) b. 1881; m. Frank Needels.

Jesse Jr. (940 above) He and his older brother, William, went overland to California about 1850 to prospect for gold. [See story under William (932 above).] One day on their way West, Jesse noticed some bright object shining on the ground at a little distance. He investigated, and found it to be a large gold watch. He carried it on to California and on his return to Ohio, showed it to a jeweler, who pronounced it the finest one he had ever seen. When Jesse built his cabin, he made a chimney recess for a clock, which he hoped to have some day. Eventually, he was able to trade the gold watch for a fine Seth Thomas clock to occupy the recess. His grandson, Jesse E. of Croton treasures the small trunk which he used on the California trip.

When William and Jesse returned to Licking County in 1851, they each bought 56 acres of adjoining land in Hartford township. These farms were selected because they had been in the path of the "Burlington Storm" of May 18, 1825, which had uprooted all the virgin timber, thus saving a great deal of hard labor in clearing the land. Two years later, Jesse bought William's farm and together became a part of the family homestead which was in turn the residence of Jesse's son, George B.; his grandson, Jesse E.; and his great-grandson, William G.

The Burlington Storm, so called because its effects were more severely felt in Burlington Township than in any other part of its path, was one of the most violent storms ever known in Ohio. In fact, for force and violence of wind, this storm has rarely been surpassed in any country in the same latitude. Forest and orchards were completely uprooted and leveled, buildings were blown down and their parts scattered in every direction and carried many miles distant by the force of the wind. Its path through Licking County was from one-third to three-fifths of a mile wide. (Howe's History of Ohio, v 2, p. 56)

Jesse Jr. m. Oct. 26, 1851, Minerva Jane Overturf, b. 1830 in Liberty Tp., dau. of George Overturf. Res. on the farm in Hartford Township. He d. July 30, 1885; she d. Oct. 1913. Both bur. Lake Cem. Bennington Tp.

Children

1 Ransom (1002) b. Oct. 18, 1852.
2 Norman (1003) b. Jan. 2, 1854.
3 Martha (1004) b. Sept. 5, 1858; d. in inf.
4 Jane Catherine (1005) b. Aug. 12, 1861; m. (1) Milton L. Shafer.

Children

A—Estella; B—Dora; C—Ray.
She m. (2) John L. Houston. Ch: D—Ilo.
She m. (3) Jacob Roschey.

5 George Brinton (1006) b. Feb. 19, 1864.

George Brinton (1006 above) m. (1) Nov. 27, 1884, Ella Dell Kasson, b. July 13, 1865. Res. on the Hartford Township farm; Croton. Farmer, banker.

Children

1 Josie Belle (1007) b. June 12, 1888; m. Rol R. Warner. Res. Columbus, Ohio.

Children

A—Thelma, m. Kenneth Birchfield.
B—George, b. 1925.

2 Jesse Ervin (1008) b. May 25, 1892.
3 Ola Ada (1009) b Aug. 21, 1899.

He m. (2) July 5, 1934 at Waterford, Knox Co. Ohio, Sylvia May Siegfried.

Jesse Ervin (1008 above) m. June 3, 1913, Susie Sophronia Hatfield, b. Dec. 28, 1892, dau. of William and Helen Kasson Hatfield, Bennington Tp. Res. on the Hartford Tp. farm; Croton, Ohio. He was president of the Ohio Certified Hybrid Seed Corn Producers, Inc. 1937-1941, with headquarters at Croton. Manager of the organization and the Research Farm since 1937. Works in cooperation with the experimental department of the College of Agriculture, Ohio State University.

Children

1 William George (1010) b. Oct. 31, 1915; m. Nov. 15, 1936 at Thornville, Ohio, Charlotte Smith, b. May 5, 1917 at White Sulphur, Delaware Co., Ohio, dau. of Rev. Jay E. and Anna Miller Smith.

Children

A—Dorotha Jean (1011) b. Dec. 9, 1937.
B—Sue Ann (1012) b. Aug. 4, 1940.
C—Charles William (1013) b. June 19, 1944.

2 Glenn Lee (1014) b. Sept. 24, 1917; m. June 22, 1941, June Chrisman, b. June 24, 1918, Springfield, Mo., dau. of Arthur and Bessie Rockwell Chrisman.

Children

A—Donald Blaine, b. Feb. 23, 1951.

3 Daniel Allen (1015) b. June 9, 1919; m. Oct. 26, 1940, Wava Grace Smith, b. May 23, 1919, Delaware Co., O., dau. of Rev. Jay E. and Anna Miller Smith; (sister of Charlotte, wife of William G.) Res. Croton, Ohio.

Children

A—Barbara Lou (1016) b. Aug. 11, 1942.
B—Jesse Elmer (1017) b. Sept. 30, 1944.
C—James David (1018) b. June 17, 1948.

Daniel Lyman (*943 above*) m. Feb. 18, 1855, Sarah E. Lake, b. Apr. 24, 1839, dau. of Jesse and Elizabeth English Lake (sister of Fanny, wife of George W.) Res. on the original Jesse VanFossen farm in Bennington Tp., one-half mile east of Appleton. He d. Sept. 12, 1926. Bur. Johnstown mausoleum.

Children

1 Charles C. (1019) b. Apr. 25, 1860.
2 Oliver Perry (1020) b. Nov. 18, 1863.
3 Jesse A. (1021) b. Dec. 15, 1866.
4 Effie May (1022) b. June 19, 1870; m. Charles E. Green, Johnstown, O. She d. Oct. 18, 1899. 1875;
5 Truman D. (1023) b. Dec. 15, ~~1785~~; m. (1) Apr. 6, 1899, Gertrude Green; m. (2) Mrs. Marie Ashbrook. Res. Johnstown, O.

Charles C. (*1019 above*) m. Mar. 9, 1881, Alzina S. Trout.

Children

1 Bernie C. (1024) b. July 7, 1882.
2 Ralph L. (1025) b. Nov. 30, 1883.
3 Maude L. (1026) b. Aug. 22, 1885; m. John Miles.
4 Donald D. (1027) b. Sept. 12, 1894.

Ralph L. (*1025 above*) m. Lola ———, b. Apr. 6, 1882.

Children

1 Pauline (1028) b. June 29, 1908.
2 Kenneth (1029) b. June 12, 1911; m. ———.

Children

A—Lou Ann (1030) b. Apr. 23, 1938.
B—Connie (1031) b. Apr. 3, 1943.

Donald D. (*1027 above*) m. Vada ———, b. Oct. 26, 1895.

Children

1 Keith (1032) b. Oct. 23, 1916; m. Ann ————, b. July 17, 1916.

Children

A—Darryl (1033) b. Nov. 12, 1942.

2 Leon (1034) b. Oct. 14, 1921; m. Marietta ————, b. Dec. 17, 1922.

Children

A—Betha Lee (1035) b. Jan. 23, 1950.

Oliver Perry (*1020 above*) m. ———.

Children

1 Fawn (1036) b. Jan. 5, 1889; m. Fred Northrup.

2 Harry (1037) b. Jan. ——, 1890; m. Elizabeth ————, b. Sept. 19, 1889.

Children

A—Phyllis (1038) b. Dec. 20, 1923.
B—Marjorie (1039) b. July 29, 1927.
C—William (1040) b. June 17, 1931.
D—Lela Jean (1041) b. Mar. 1, 1938.

Jesse A. (*1021 above*) M.D. m. 1893, Lucy Ricketts, b. in Columbus, Ohio, dau. of Rev. James S. Ricketts, and wife. Res. Columbus, Ohio.

Children

1 Aldine (1042); 2 Allen (1043).

Dr. Jesse A. had a large general practice, combining the duties of both a city and a country doctor. He contributed many articles to medical magazines. His office was one of the best equipped in the city, and contained a room furnished as a private gymnasium for his own use. He was a man of phenomenal strength and exercised daily with 50 lb. dumbbells, weights, boxing gloves and other apparatus to keep himself in trim. His feats of strength are a legend among his friends. It was his custom to take up new lines of sport from time to time, to study the techniques, and to practice until he became a champion. At that point his interest would wane and he would adopt some new sport until he became proficient in that.

His interest was not only keen in sports, but also in nature study, and in humanitarian subjects. A story is

told by Dr. J. H. J. Upham of Columbus—later president of the American Medical Association. He and Dr. J. A. were driving on a country road, returning from consultation on a case. The road was muddy and they came to a wagon, much overloaded, with two horses struggling to pull it out of a chuck hole while the driver whipped them brutally.

Dr. J. A. got out of the buggy and told the man to stop whipping his horses because the load was so heavy it was impossible for them to move it. The driver said it was none of his business and he didn't want any interference, Dr. J. A. replied that prevention of cruelty to animals *was* his business, and that he should get up on his wagon and start unloading it to the point where the horses could pull it. The driver refused profanely, taking a swing at the doctor at the same time. Dr. J. A. countered the blow and knocked him down, continuing each time he got up until he was convinced that he had more than met his match. When he was ready to start unloading, Dr. J. A. got up on the wagon and helped him.

Another anecdote concerns a day when Dr. J. A. and a friend stopped in a blacksmith shop to have some work done. The smith was busy and gruffly said he couldn't do anything for them. Dr. J. A. meanwhile was looking around the shop and noticed the iron cone for shaping horse shoes. He picked it up with one hand and turned it upside down to look at the bottom. The smith noticed the feat and immediately got ready to do their work. Looking back as they left, they saw the smith trying to see if he could lift the cone with one hand, but could not even move it from the base. (See Centenniel History of Columbus and Franklin County-Taylor, v 2, p 462).

William VanFossen (*445 above*) a sojourner in Licking County.

The "Cook Settlement" was established in the vicinity of the present village of Appleton sometime after the War of 1812 by Titus Knox and Capt. Cook and served as a nucleus for immigrants to the southern portion of the County. The VanFossens . . . were among the first settlers.

Note: William VF (932) son of Jesse (827) also lived in the locality, but was not a newcomer as he had been here since 1811, when his parents came from Va.

In August 1832 Titus Knox and Carey Meade laid out the village of Appleton. The latter built the first house in Appleton and it was the only building on the town plat when Gideon Long and family came to the place April 3, 1833. The front part had been intended for a store room but Long moved into the building and occupied it for some years. While he was yet living in it, David Messenger came to Appleton, or the site of it, and rented the front part of the building where he opened the first store in the locality. Long, in order to encourage enterprise and assist in building up the town, squeezed his family into the single back room of the store.

Messenger must have expected to transact a large business as he brought on a heavy stock of goods and two clerks. Had the wolves and bears been his customers he would no doubt, have done a big business but as the settlers were few and far between, the two clerks seemed superfluous. However, these two clerks took board and lodging in the family of Long—all in the one back room. One of these clerks was Franklin Bryant who after clerking some time for Messenger, bought the store and conducted it for several years and also built the second house in town.

Not being able to entirely fill up that little back room with his own family and two clerks, Long took in another entire family—William VF and one child. VanFossen had made up his mind to settle here, and to accommodate him while he was building his cabin. Long admitted the family as boarders.

The other young gentleman clerk who was a boarder in this large family with limited quarters, was usually called "Billy" and as he had very little clerking to do, spent most of his time in the woods hunting. Mrs. Long says. "He was a good boy—a jolly, whole-souled fellow as ever lived." His last name was Rosecrans—and he afterward became Major-General William S. Rosecrans, the hero of Stone River, and the gallant but unfortunate commander of the Union forces at the great and bloody battle of Chickamauga. Billy Rosecrans remained here as a clerk for six months and many times proclaimed his intention of becoming a soldier. He was appointed to West Point soon after leaving Appleton. His father was at that time a merchant and farmer in Homer in the adjoining township.

The VF cabin was probably the second or third one in town. The first school-house in this neighborhood, a log building, was erected some years before Appleton was laid out." (History of Licking County-Brister, v 1 p 270).

It is probable that William VF (445) who had married Mary Ann Sloss, dau. of John and Margaret Cook Sloss of the Cook Settlement, and had secured a teacher's license dated Dec. 28, 1829, issued to him at Granville, had come to Appleton to teach in this log school. The child mentioned in the Licking County History above, was Elizabeth Ann (526) b. May 23, 1831 at Lock, as the Cook Settlement is now

called. *Feb. 11, 1834 William and Mary Ann's second child John Wilson (527) was born at Appleton and named for Dr. John Wilson of Newark, the attending physician. (See chapter 9, part II).

Thirty years later, John Wilson VF served as a sharp shooter in the Civil War, and as Headquarter Guard for Gen. George H. Thomas. He was also a personal friend of Gen. Rosecrans. This relationship is readily understood when the connection stated above is taken into consideration—that his father and "Billy" Rosecrans had been acquainted since 1833 when they both lived in the back room of Gideon Long's cabin at Appleton.

William VF who was a carpenter as well as a school teacher, went to Dearborn, Michigan in 1835 to work on the U. S. Government arsenal which was under construction, and when that was completed, he took his family back to Ohio and located on the farm in Williams County where he lived the rest of his life.

Many years later, May 12, 1850, William (445) wrote to Isaac Warren VF of Paw Paw, Mich. ". . . .I once was of the opinion that there was no one in the U. S. bore the name VanFossen except my Father and my brothers' families, but have since heard of others and saw one young man in Licking County, Ohio who had my name in full, but could trace no kindred. He could give no account of his relatives farther back than his father, or where they came from. He was a Dutchman and could talk but little English and I could talk no Dutch . . . ." (828)

William VF (828) of Augusta County, Va. spoke German fluently and this story is told by the Licking County relatives.

When he was visiting in Ohio, William was a guest at dinner with a thrifty German family. With the pioneer's habit of conservation, the hostess noticed uneasily that the visitor was using butter more liberally than they did and commented on it in her native tongue. Much to her embarrassment, William apologized to her in the same language.

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*An unusual coincidence occurred here. William VF (932) son of Jesse, and his wife became the parents of a boy born six days earlier at Appleton, Feb. 5, 1834, and who was named John with the initial F. (962).

Chapter XV

DESCENDANTS OF CONRAD, SON OF THE EMIGRANT ARNOLD

PETER OF CHESTER CO., PENNA.
BENJAMIN OF BELMONT CO., OHIO

At least two branches of the VanFossen family came into Belmont County Ohio in early days—Benjamin (642) son of Peter of Chester County, Pa. and Otho (576) grandson of Arnold of Frederick County, Maryland. (See chapter 11). After the death of his father, Peter of Upper Oxford Tp., Chester County, Benjamin and his mother, Mary, were appointed administrators of the estate. Benjamin and his wife, also named Mary, lived on the farm which he bought from the heirs until 1810, when they sold it.

A deed in Belmont County shows that on May 10, 1811, he bought 160 acres in Union Tp. from John Nickel for $800 (Deed Bk. D, 73) and sold it to William Nickel on May 29, 1811 (Bk. D, 100). In 1815 he bought 160 acres in Flushing Tp. from the U.S. land office at Steubenville, O. (Ohio Auditor Book, Columbus, O.) Benjamin died before Sept. 27, 1830 when Henry VF was appointed administrator. His heirs transferred their rights to land in T.10, R. 6 to William VF for $108. Benjamin's widow, Mary, sold land to Jacob on Feb. 17, 1834 and the deed was witnessed by Henry and signed by the following persons which indicates that they were children of Benjamin and Mary:

1 Henry and Margaret VF (1044).
2 John and Sarah VF (1045).
3 George and Elizabeth VF (1046).
4 Jacob and Jane VF (1047); no records showing names of children of this family have been found.
5 Mary Buckingham and her husband, Allen, of Guernsey Co. (1048).
6 William and Mary VF (1049).
7 Benjamin and Lucy VF (1050).
8 Margaret Wright and her husband, Thomas of Monroe Co. (1051).
9 Samuel and Sarah VF of Monroe Co. (1052).
(Deed Bk. R, pp 303, 379; Recorder's Office, Belmont Co., O.)

Jacob and Henry signed an agreement concerning the estate of Benjamin on July 7, 1834, and on March 12, 1836, Mary the widow, transferred all her interest in the estate to Jacob for $150. Witnessed by James VF (Bk. T, 534). Little is known of the descendants of some of these children of Benjamin and Mary. No marriage records of four of them have been found in Belmont County and it may be assumed that they were married before locating there, probably in Chester Co. Pa.

Henry (*1044 above*) was probably the oldest son of Benjamin and Mary, b. about 1796. He m. Margaret Ashel in Chester County, Pa. After his father died, which was prior to Sept. 27, 1831, he administered the estate. He and his brother Jacob signed an agreement concerning it July 7, 1834 (Deed Bk. R, 303). Henry and Margaret sold a tract of land Feb. 17, 1834. On March 6, 1834 John and Sarah, William and Mary sold 40 acres to Henry for $150. Henry and Margaret sold another tract to Jacob for $175 on Apr. 17, 1834. The next day Henry bought 90 acres, of which 71 acres had been previously sold to William, for $400. The family home was in Flushing Tp. between Smyrna and Sewellsville. Henry bought 1½ acres in the same township for $10 in 1848.

Records show that Henry served as Sergeant in Capt. Daniel Connor's Company from Jan. 13 to Mar. 17, 1814 (Roster of Ohio Soldiers, War of 1812, p 16) He died, aged 93 years, before May 6, 1889 when George Thomas was appointed administrator. He is bur. at Sewellsville.

Children

1 William Wesley (1053) b. Feb. 22, 1817.
2 Robert (1054) b. Apr. 1, 1832.
3 Samuel A. (1055) b. 1834.
4 Sarah (1056) m. ———— Huff.
5 Maria (1057) m. Peter Luyster, Smyrna, O.
6 Smith (1058) m. Aug. 16, 1865, Lucinda Gray; Harrison Gray signed as witness.

William Wesley (*1053 above*) m. Feb. 11, 1841, Julia Ann Nevins. A few years later they located in Fulton Co. Ill., living near Summum, and also near Ipava.

Children

1 (1059); 2 (1060); 3 (1061), all d. in inf.
4 Kesiah Ann (1062) m. Israel Toland. Dau. m. ——— Sexton.
5 Mary Ellen (1063).
6 James Dallas (1064) m. Mary Aswell.
7 Maria Jane (1065) m. Frank Mendenhall.

Children

A—Mamie; B—Hattie; C——— and others names unknown.

8 William Martin (1066) d. young.
9 Smith Lorenzo (1067) b. Sept. 1, 1863.
10 Lavinia Alice (1068).

Smith Lorenzo (*1067 above*) m. (1) about 1882 at Astoria, Ill. Clara Belle Griffith, b. Jan. 4, 1867. Res. Beardstown, Ill. Family spelled the name "VonFossen." He d. July 5, 1932.

Children

1 Ernest Vern (1069) b. June 20, 1884, Lewiston, Ill., m. June 23, 1912, Ann Kuhl. Res. Beardstown.

Children

A—Clarance (1070) b. Nov. 29, 1921.

2 Mabel Nina (1071) b. Mar. 17, 1886 at Lewiston, unm.
3 Clyde N. (1072) b. July 7, 1888; m. Bernice Huss.

Children

A—Mary Elizabeth (1073) b. July 2, 1929.

4 Ralph James (1074) b. May 8, 1890 at Beardstown; m. Florence Huss.

Children

A—Marian (1075) b. Aug. 1916.
B—Ralph J. Jr. (1076) b. Oct. 1917.

5 Cyril Hill (1077) b. Aug. 9, 1896, unm.

Smith L. m. (2) Mar. 21, 1917 at Atlanta, Ga., Augusta Volkmar, b. Nov. 9, 1878.

6 Smith Lorenzo Jr. (1078) b. Mar. 11, 1922.

Robert (*1054 above*) m. Nov. 4, 1852, Elizabeth Perkins, dau. of Jacob Perkins. Henry VF vouched for both, and Stephen Perkins also signed. Res. Morristown, Belmont Co. Removed to Piedmont. He d. Mar. 13, 1919. Bur. Belmont Ridge.

Children

1 William James (1079).
2 Eliza Jane (1080).

3 Lydia Maria (1081) b. Dec. 25, 1856.
4 Robert Barclay (1082) b. Feb. 6, 1860.
5 Elizabeth Angeline (1083) b. Jan. 20, 1862; m. Feb. 17, 1885, John C. Day.
6 Flora Isabel (1084); m. Nov. 9, 1884, Albert J. Smith.
7 John Elmer (1085).
8 David Alexander (1086) b. Aug. 15, 1870.
9 Francis Marion (1087) b. Jan. 17, 1873 at Belmont Ridge.

William James (1079 above) m. July 18, 1888, Jennie E. Stoner. Flushing Tp.

Children

1 Lawrence T. (1088) b. May 25, 1889; d. Dec. 26, 1899.
2 Lillian E. (1089) b. Oct. 28, 1893.
3 Earl H. (1090) b. May 11, 1897.
4 Dau. ——— (1091) b. Feb. 22, 1900 at Holloway.
5 Edith Grace (1092) b. Apr. 30, 1906.

Robert Barclay (1082 above) m. Nov. 13, 1888, Elizabeth H. Hobbs. Minister of Gospel. Res. New Philadelphia, O. He d. Oct. 23, 1940 aged 81 y. 8 m. 19 d.

Children

1 Grace (1093) b. Feb. 4, 1891 in Bethel Tp., Monroe Co., Ohio; m. Sept. 11, 1911, Charles Rucker. Her parents were living Masterson, O.

Children

A—Charles Jr., B—Nedra Grace.

2 Paul (1094) b. Dec. 9, 1893; m. Dec. 24, 1916, Odessa Hykes.

Children

A—John H. (1095), Res. Cincinnati, O.

3 Hazel Charlene (1096) b. July 15, 1900; m. Oct. 4, 1920, Charles W. Jones.

Children

A—Benjamin; B—Ruth; C—William; D—Kenneth.

4 Emerson (1097) b. Dec. 28, 1905, Somerset, O., m. Mar. 4, 1926, Hilma Albaugh.

Children

A—Ralph Emerson (1098).

Francis Marion (1087 above) m. July 26, 1899 at Cadiz, O. Jessie M. Tipton, b. July 12, 1881 at Flushing, O. R.R. employee. Res. Flushing, O.

Children

1 Robert Melvin (1099) b. June 11, 1900; m. Nov. 8, 1921 at Dennison, O, Ella Mae Wright. Res. Dennison.

Children

A—John Melvin (1100) b. Mar. 20, 1924.

2 Wayne N. (1101) b. Jan. 31, 1904.

Samuel A. (*1055 above*) name of wife, unknown. He d. Apr. 18, 1901 at Bethesda, O.

Children

1 Asa (1102); m. Feb. 11, 1875, Adda Johnson, Guernsey Co. O.

2 Smith (1103); m. Nellie Brown, dau. of George W. Brown, Gallipolis, O.

Children

A—Robert D. (1104). Res. Cincinnati, O.

3 Simeon B. (1105) b. May 22, 1861; m. Jan. 5, 1888, Leona Taylor, Olivet, O. Res. Canton, O. He d. Dec. 20, 1921.

Children

A—Clyde J. (1106) b. Mar. 27, 1889; d. Oct. 19, 1939. Unm.

4 Mollie (1107) m. ——— Mumma. Res. near St. Clairsville, O.

Children

A—Dau. ——— m. Alonza Talbot, Hendrysburg, O.

5 Dau. ——— (1108).

6 Dau. ——— (1109).

John (*1045 above*), See Chapter 16.

George (*1046 above*).

The following data supplied in 1932 by Silas M. VF, Sandyville, W. Va., who was then 81 years of age, would seem to refer to descendants of George. He says his grandfather, George of Belmont Co. Ohio, had the following sons and probably one dau. at least.

1 Mary (1110) m. Aug. 31, 1831, Richard Botkins.

2 John (1111) b. Feb. 12, 1814.

3 James (1112); m. May 19, 1838, Emily Moore.

4 George (1113); m. Sept. 22, 1838, Nancy Statler.

5 Benjamin (1114) b. 1821; m. Apr. 2, 1846, Mary Ann Davis.

Ohio records of the War of 1812 show that George VF served as private in Capt. Daniel's Connor's Co. from Jan. 13 to Mar. 17, 1814 with the notation, "probably from Belmont Co." (Roster of Ohio Soldiers in the War of 1812, p 16).

John (*1111 above*) m. Aug. 13, 1835, Maria Burford. In 1843-4 he entered land in Stock Tp. Noble Co. Ohio (History of Noble Co. 1887, p 521).

Children

1 John Nelson (1115) b. July 18, 1836.
2 George Chriswell (1116) b. 1838 in Belmont Co.
3 Sarah Elizabeth (1117) b. Nov. 3, 1842; m. Philip McPeek.
Ch.: A—Rosel. Res. in Va.
4 Mary M. (1118) b. Mar. 16, 1849; m. Sept. 29, 1867, John Kilbaugh.

Children

A—James, employed in Gov't service in Cuba and Washington, D. C.
B—Willis, Congressman from Charleston, W. Va.
C—George K. Res. Ravenwood, W. Va.
D—Chriswell K.
E—Ida.
F—Icy.

5 Silas Morgan (1119) b. Feb. 27, 1851.
6 James Harvey (1120) d. Oct. 6, 1853 in inf. Bur. Mt. Tabor.

John Nelson (1115 above) m. (1) May 29, 1862, Rebecca M. Barnes.

Children

1 Mary (1121) d. from burns, Apr. 24, 1864, aged 10 m.
2 Ebenezer (1122) b. Sept. 10, 1864, d. in inf.

Rebecca d. soon after. He enlisted in Co. K., 30th O.V.I. in Oct. 1862 and served about 11 months. He enlisted again Mar. 2, 1865 in the 194th O.V.I. and was honorably discharged Oct. 4, 1865. He participated in the Vicksburg campaign and other noted movements. He is a thrifty farmer and served as township trustee for 21 years. (History of Noble Co. 1887, p 521) John N. m. (2) Jan. 14, 1866, Mrs. Catherine Morrison White, b. Sept. 30, 1844, in Stock Tp.

Children

3 Flora (1123) b. Oct. 30, 1866; m. May 23, 1885, John W. Lee.

Children

A—Arie; B—Ada; C—Okie; D—Addie (son); E—Dorothy; F—Orla; G—Lakie; H—Nelson.

She d. July 1906, bur. Liverpool, W. Va. He is bur. Dover, O.

4 Seymour Silas (1124) b. July 20, 1868.
5 Viola (1125) b. Nov. 4, 1869; m. Nov. 4, 1887, Alonzo Mallett.

Children

A—Juney; B—Ross; C—Earl. Res. Marietta, O.; D—John E—Bertha; F—Wava. She d. Jan. 1904. Bur. Meadowdale, W. Va.

6 Washtella (1126) b. Apr. 4, 1871; m. Jan. 5, 1892, Richard Orville Warfield, son of James and Elizabeth Archer Warfield of Stock Tp.

Children

A—George.
B—Earl W., m. 1913, Grace Miracle.
C—Dessie Bernice, b. Aug. 8, 1900; m. 1921, Lynsy Floyd Miracle.
D—Mildred Orely, b. Jan. 17, 1904; m. 1924, Donald Roy Miracle.

7 Rosalie S. (1127) b. Sept. 21, 1872; m. Jan. 8, 1891, Chase J. House.

Children

A—Bert Nelson, b. July 25, 1904; m. Apr. 1924 at Sandyville, W. Va., Judy Smith. Res. Cheshire, O.

8 George Sylvester (1128) b. Jan. 9, 1874.
9 John Morgan (1129) b. Feb. 21, 1876.
10 Wade Hampton (1130) b. Sept. 1, 1877.
11 James Ross (1131) b. Apr. 9, 1879.
12 Larabee Catherine (1132) b. Aug. 13, 1881; m. Jan. 17, 1899, Williard Blair, b. Feb. 10, 1875, son of Brice and Mary L. Gardner Blair, Flag, Monroe Co., O.

Children

A—Lola Fern, b. Mar. 30, 1900; m. 1917, Forrest Walters.
B—Bernice Thurza, b. Oct. 3, 1906; m. 1932, Hobart Tilton, Alliance, Ohio.

Seymour Silas (*1124 above*) m. Dec. 3, 1893, Stella Logan, b. July 13, 1875. Res. Harriettsville, O.

Children

1 Rabie Ellen (1133) b. Sept. 5, 1894 in W. Va., m. Aug 12, 1911, Earl Miracle, b. Jan. 22, 1889, son of George and Nora Denbow Miracle of Monroe Co. Res. Harriettsville, O.

Children

A—Bernice Marie; B—Edward; C—Viola Mae; D—Myrtle; E—Roy; F—Kenneth Edwin.

2 Jessie Bryan (1134) b. Jan. 12, 1896; m. ————.

Children

A—Vina Lucille; B—Denzel.

3 James William (1135) b. June 9, 1899; m. ————.

Children

A—Clifford Eugene (1136).
B—Pearl (son), (1137).
C—Glendon Earl (1138).
D—Maxine (1139).
E—Paul David (1140).

4 Edgar (1141) b. July 1, 1901; d. Oct. 22, 1918.
5 Hoyt (1142) b. Aug. 13, 1902; m. ————.

Children

A—Roy (1143); B—James (1144); C—Louetta Mae (1145).

6 Fleet (1146) b. Mar. 8, 1905, m. May 10,1930, Mildred Forshey, b. July 6, 1913, dau. of Jesse and Hazel Tice Forshey.

Children

A—Pearl (1147); B—Ora (1148); C—Viola (1149);D—Martha Mae (1150).

George Sylvester (1128 above) m. Jan. 8, 1896, (with consent of his father) Mary F. Walker, b. 1878.

Children

1 Charles Bryan (1151) b. Nov. 5, 1896; m. Sept. 3, 1927, Mrs. Marjorie Cummins Simmons, b. Apr. 20, 1899, dau. of J. T. and Nettie Schrock. Res. in Xenia, O.; also in Louisiana.

Children

A—Haven George (1152) b. June 23, 1937.

2 Freda Bernice (1153) b. June 29, 1901; m. July 6, 1921, William Brady Sutton, b. July 5, 1900 in Monroe Co., son of W. W. and Emma Devore Sutton. Res. Stafford, O.

Children

A—Mary Emma, b. Aug. 14, 1924.
B—James Nelson, b. Mar. 7, 1931.

3 Archie Nelson (1154) b. Oct. 11, 1904; m. Oct. 11, 1933, Pearl Ayres.

Children

A—Marvin Dale (1155) b. Aug. 14, 1934.
B—Fay Eloise (1156) b. Jan. 8, 1939.

4 Erma Ann (1157) b. Feb. 22, 1908; m. Oct. 3, 1927, Herman Franklin Smith.

Children

A—Vera June b. Oct. 31, 1928.
B—Earl Bryan, b. Nov. 13, 1930.
C—Geneva Helen, b. Sept. 3, 1933.
D—Franklin Dean, b. Oct. 1, 1936.

5 Vernie Vietta (1158) b. July 4, 1912; m. Mar. 17, 1934, Maewood Joseph Love.

Children

A—Roger Eugene, b. Jan. 23, 1938.

6 Jennie Catherine (1159) b. May 27, 1899; d. Feb. 8, 1902.

John Morgan (1129 above) m. Jan. 22, 1898, Ida King, b. May 18, 1881, dau. of Wesley and Emaline Thompson King. Res. Elk Tp. Noble Co.

Children

1 Grace Marie (1160) b. Sept. 29, 1899; m. Everett Feldner, son of Otto and Janie Cronin Feldner.

Children

A—Mabel, m. Elmer Bettinger; B—Woodrow B., C—Wilma Marie; D—Chester Clarence; E—Martin Earl; F—Betty Jane.

2 Bert McLain (1161) b. June 21, 1900; m. 1921, Grace Wells, b. Nov. 12, 1900, dau. of Chas. and E. Smith of Franklin Tp., Monroe Co., O.

Children

A—Kenneth Clarence (1162) b. Feb. 24, 1926.
B—Irene Florence (1163) b. Sept. 29, 1929.

3 Clarence Huber (1164) b. Mar. 7, 1907; d. Aug. 9, 1924.

Wade Hampton (1130 above) m. Sept. 25, 1899, Ida Bell Springer, b. June 9, 1882, dau. of Frank and Louisa Ellen Crow Springer. Res. Elk Tp.

Children

1 Frank Ferdy (1165) m. Myrtle Archer.

Children

A—Evelyn Dale (1166) b. Jan. 12, 1926.
B—Ellis Wade (1167) b. Feb. 5, 1929.
C—Leonard Delano (1168) b. Oct. 2, 1933.
D—Martha Ida (1169) b. July 18, 1937.

2 Lulu May (1170) b. July 6, 1900; d. June 8, 1929.
3 Delbert Nelson (1171) b. Mar. 18, 1910.
4 Martin Isaac (1172) b. July 3, 1913.
5 Ray B. (1173) b. Jan. 2, 1918.
6 Madge Irene (1174) b. Feb. 11, 1922.

James Ross (1131 above) m. Jan. 7, 1905, Ilda Miriam King, b. Jan. 17, 1895, dau. of Wesley and Emaline Thompson King. Res. Harriettsville, O.

Children

1 Charles Nelson (1175) b. Oct. 29, 1905; m. Aug. 18, 1928, Beryl F. Miller, b. Aug. 17, 1905, dau. of C. D. and Ethel Cantwell Miller.
2 Bernard L. (1176) b. Oct. 30, 1908; d. Oct. 26, 1912.
3 Sylvia Ellen (1177) b. Jan. 10, 1912; m. Dec. 25, 1932, Raymond E. Feldner, son of L. E. and Etta Mallett Feldner.

Children

A—Normagene Roxie b. July 28, 1933.

4 Delsie Irene (1178) b. Oct. 9, 1914.
5 Franchion Virginia (1179) b. July 14, 1925.

George Chriswell (1116 above) m. Aug. 7, 1858, Sarah Forshey, b. 1844, aged 14, dau. of Joseph Forshey. Res. Stock Tp. Noble Co. "Mr. VF is a worthy member of the Masonic and Odd Fellow organizations, and a successful farmer." (Hist. of Noble Co. 1887, p 452.) He d. 1914. Only available

names of children were taken from Noble Co. Marriage Records.

Children

1 Charles B. (1180) b. 1872; m. Apr. 9, 1892 (with consent of his father, George C. VF of Cliffville), Louisa Sprouts.

Children

A—Son (1181). B— Dau. (1182). Res. Lowell, O.

2 Samuel H. (1183) b. July 29, 1877; m. Dec. 25, 1901, Mary May Morrison, b. Oct. 9, 1880, dau. of J. H. and C. Pryor Morrison of Stock Tp.

Children

A—Elsie (1184) Nurse, Memorial Hospital, Marietta, O.
B—Chriswell (1185).

3 Joseph Chriswell (1186) twin, Unm. Physician in Stock Tp.; d. 1922.

4 Willard (1187) twin, m. Lydia Crum, dau. of Alfred and Pauline Swickle Crum, who was b. in Germany. Res. Elk Tp. 6 or 7 ch.

5 George "Thaddy" (1188) Unm. Res. Macksburg; d. 1947. (See last chapter).

6 Silas (1189) m. ————; one dau. (1190), educated at Marietta. He was killed in a S. American oil field.

7 Martha (1191); m. Richard Slack. Res. Lewisville, O.

Children

A—Benton. B—James. C—Frank. Res. Old Washington, O.

8 Amanda (1192) m. Joseph Crum. Res. Crums Ridge, O.

Children

A—Everett, m. Hazel Craven.
B—Harley, d. in World War I.
C—Clarence, m. Edith Forshey.
D—Edward.
E—Edith, m. Wilbert Mason.
F—Belva, m. ———— Okey, Lowell, O.

Silas Morgan (1119 above) m. Aug. 3, 1870, Nancy Forshey. Silas and Nancy sold 67 acres of land in Noble Co., Jan. 13, 1874 (Deed Bk 22, p 140). He removed to Sandyville, W. Va. and in 1932 furnished the records of his family to the author with his grand daughter Blanche as his secretary. He d. 1938-9.

Children

1 Daniel (1193) b. July 3, 1871; m. Emma Powell. Res. Sandyville, W. Va.

Ch.: A—Della (1194).

2 Maria (1195) b. Feb. 3, 1873; m. (1) Joseph Full; m. (2) Joseph Shepard. Res. New England, W. Va.

Children

A—Vivian. B—Earl. C—Eugene.

3 George Nelson (1196) b. Mar. 31, 1875; m. Mary Frame.

Children

A—Hollis (1197) b. May 31, 1913.
B—Blanche (1198) b. July 8, 1915.
C—Bertha (1199) b. Apr. 29, 1900; m. Ned Lockhart, Huntington, W. Va.

4 Martha (1200) b. Oct. 17, 1880; m. Amos Frame. Sandyville, W. Va.

5 Amanda (1201) b. Nov. 26, 1882; m. Ezra Kittle.

Children

A—Grace. B—Rex. C—Pearl.

6 Joseph Allen (1202) b. June 12, 1885; m. Pearl Archer, Sandyville, W. Va.

Children

A—Glen (1203) b. June 13, 1913.
B—Dale (1204) b. 1917.

7 Arie (1205) b. Nov. 25, 1890; m. Henry Cheuront. New Brighton, Pa.

Children

A—Delbert. B—Ada.

8 Della (1206) b. Sept. 10, 1894; m. Charles Carey. Parkersburg, W. Va.

The following legal record is found in Belmont Co. Deed Bk 60, p 43. John VF died before Jan. 6, 1858 when James VF filed a petition against Rachel Haines, John N., George C., Sarah E., Mary M., Silas M., Mary E., George H., Nancy A., Benjamin, John W., Sarah, Andrew J., Rachel, Jasper N., Benjamin H., and the following members of the Botkin family: Elizabeth, Robert, George B., John B., Martha B., Smith, Amanda, Harriett, and Elma Ann demanding partition of real estate. Commissioners reported that partition of the property, valued at $960, could not be made without injury. At the summer term of court, 1858, Benjamin elected to take the land, and the sheriff executed a deed to Benjamin in fee simple for 80 acres in Flushing Tp. on Nov. 18, 1872.

Research has not been made to determine which John VF was the deceased in the above proceedings.

Benjamin (1050 above) It is probable that this son of Benjamin and Mary of Chester Co. Pa., was the one whose marriage is recorded in the earliest Belmont County books.

Benjamin Vanfossen m. Sept. 4, 1823, Eliza Bucking-

ham. Death records were not kept at that time, so it is not known when Eliza died. On July 16, 1829, Benjamin m. Lucy Longly. Birth records were not required until 1869, so the names of their children are not available. April 5, 1866, Benjamin secured a license to marry Mary Jane Wallace. May 15, 1866, he made his will and named his wife, Mary Jane; sisters. Mary Buckingham and Margaret Wright; brother, William; and niece, Lucy Brokaw. His will was probated June 23, 1879.

Samuel (*1052 above*)m. Aug. 24, 1826, Sarah Burford. They res. Kirkwood Tp., Belmont Co. Real estate transfers are recorded by Samuel et al in Monroe Co. April 28, 1839, in the Belmont Co. Recorder's office. The family probably removed to Monroe County about 1840. His estate was filed Sept. 9, 1864 and signed by Jacob VF of Noble County. No family records have been found that showed names of his children.

Chapter XVI

DESCENDANTS OF CONRAD, SON OF THE EMIGRANT ARNOLD

PETER OF CHESTER COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA
BENJAMIN OF BELMONT COUNTY, OHIO
WILLIAM AND JOHN, AND THE HOCKING AND TUSCARAWAS COUNTY, OHIO, BRANCHES

Among the names of the heirs of Benjamin of Belmont County, Ohio which were signed on a deed in 1830 are William and Mary, John and Sarah, together with seven other brothers and sisters.

William (*1049 above*) m. Mary Murphy Jan. 5, 1819 in Belmont County. He res. Flushing Tp.; She, in Kirkwood Tp. The family first appears in Tuscarawas County records Nov. 17, 1838 when William VF sold land at a sale in Zanesville and mentions his wife, Mary. (Deed Bk, 16, pp 169, 379).

According to family records, they settled first in Hocking County. Later they removed to Tuscarawas County where some of the children were married.

William d. in Hocking Co., Feb. 25, 1884, aged 96 y. 1 m. 6 d. The death record states he was b. in Lancaster Co., Pa. That is probably a mistake as his parents lived in Chester Co.

Children

1 Benjamin (1207) m. Jan. 2, 1844, Elizabeth Orr in Tus'was Co.
2 John (1208) m. Feb. 13, 1844, Emily Esque, in Tus'was Co.
3 Lucy (1209) m. Aug 28, 1856. William J. Brokaw, Hocking Co. They removed to Kansas.
4 Hester Ann (1210) m. June 29, 1857, James Bell. Moved to Kansas.
5 Mary (Polly) (1211) m. Aug. 31, 1843, Jonathan Orr, Tus'was Co.
6 Mathilda (1212) m. Jan. 26, 1854, Aaron Crider, Hocking Co.
7 George Washington (1213).

Benjamin (*1207 above*) returned to Hocking County about 1879, taking eight days for the trip. His name appears in a number of real estate deals up to 1889. He d. Feb. 8, 1895,

aged 76 y. 5 m. 5 d. The death record states he was b. in Tus'was Co.

Children of Benjamin and Elizabeth Orr VF.

1 Emanuel Murphy (1214) m. Apr. 6, 1880, Maria Hooper in Hocking Co.

Children

A—Homer (1215) b. Mar. 7, 1881.

2 Lydia Ann (1216) m. Jack Vincent.

3 Cynthia Ellen (1217) m. Nov. 7, 1880, David Swalbaugh, Hocking, Co.

4 Mary Geneva (1218) m. Aug. 25, 1881, Oscar Poling, Hocking Co.

5 Edwin Rudolphus (1219) b. Jan. 13, 1864 near Gilmore, Tus'was Co.

Edwin Rudolphus (1219 above) m. Feb. 14, 1866, Hester Nevada Mahoney, Hocking Co. Res. Laurelville, Ohio; Haynes P. O.

Children

1 Claude (1220) b. June 7, 1888; d. aged 10 y.

2 Daisy Maude (1221) b. Oct. 19, 1890; m. 1919, Fred McCabe.

Children

A—Florence. B—Isabelle. C—Lloyd. D—Walter.

3 Ralph Clifford (1222) b. Feb. 13, 1893; m. Lelah Ebert.

Children

A—Forest (1223). B—Clyde (1224). C—Adaline (1225). D—Virginia (1226). E—Ruth (1227) F—Loretta (1228).

4 Cora (1229) b. Sept. 19, 1895; m. Howard Roll, Colerain Tp. Ross Co.

Children

A—Myrtle May. B—Earl. C—Mary Catherine.

5 Hattie (1230) b. Oct. 23, 1898; m. Forest Black, Hocking Co.

Children

A—Berlin. B—Olin. C—Leo. D—Don Edwin.

George Washington (1213 above) m. (1) Jan. 31, 1854, Elizabeth Schooley in Hocking Tp.

The following entry in the Hocking Co. Recorder's Office would seem to be the above George W.:

George VanFossen from the President of the United States, Franklin Pearce, Dec. 15, 1853. George VanFossen of Tuscarawas County, deposited in the General Land Office at Chillicothe, a certificate of Register of Land Office, Apr. 24, 1824—40 acres of Public Lands. Sec. 29, Tp. 11, Range 19 . . . .

George VF and Elizabeth, his wife, sold 40 acres in

Hocking Co. for $150, Apr. 8, 1854. (Deed Bk. N, p 86). Res. Salt Creek Tp.

Children

1 John Allen (1231) b. Nov. 28, 1854.
2 Ellie (1232) m. John Greenlee, Circleville, O. 4 ch.
3 Inez (1233) b. Oct. 13, 1858; m. Jack Foust, b. 1851 in Lima, O., Res. Adelphi, O.

Children

A—Jacob, b. Mar. 14, 1887; m. Lettie Thomas.
B—Fred, b. 1889.
C—Amos, b. 1891.

4 Margaret (1234) m. Thomas Dorsey. Res. Gibisonville, O.

Children

A—Pearl. B—Cliff. C—Ottie.

5 Jennie (1235) m. Edd Kennedy.

Children

A—Ray, m. Mary Belle Maxwell, Junction City, O.
B—Dewey, m. Essie Snider, Thornville, O.
C—Ella, m. Philip Boyers, Pleasantville, O.
D—Robert, m. Mary Hermon, Pleasantville, O.

6 Martha (1236) m. July 26, 1885, Jacob Lindsay, Hocking Co., O.
7 Wilber (1237).
8 Robert Shannon (1238) m. Dec. 27, 1884, Sophia Herron. Res. Haynes, Ohio.

Children

A—Lewis (1239), b. Mar. 14, 1885.
B—Lena (1240) b. May 2, 1887.

9 Albert (1241).
10 Joseph W. (1242) b. May 30, 1872.
11 Rufus Bingham (1243) b. Oct. 24, 1874.
12 Alfred S. (1244) b. May 13, 1877.

George W. m. (2) Minnie Childers.

13 Oliver (1245).
14 ——— (1246).
15 ——— (1247).

John Allen (1231 above) m. Dec. 24, 1891, Alpha Diehl, b. Mar. 30, 1861.

Children

1 Dau. (1248) b. Sept. 14, 1892; d in inf.
2 George Henry (1249) b. Oct. 23, 1893; d. July 3, 1896.
3 Grace Elizabeth (1250) b. Oct. 30, 1896; m. Floyd Francis, Carroll, O.; 6 ch.
4 Roy (1251) b. Feb. 28, 1899; m. Emme Schaeffer. Res. Stoutsville, O.

Children

A—Marilyn (1252). B—Eldora (1253).

5 Rollie (1254) b. Feb. 28, 1899; m. Ruth Congrove. Res. Chillicothe, Ohio.

Children

A—Virginia (1255).
B—Dorothy (1256).
C—Franklin Delano (1257).

6 Robert Allen (1258) b. Dec. 31, 1901; m. Feb. 20, 1923, Edna M. Shupe at Newport, Ky. Res. Pleasantville, O.

Children

A—Ruth Mae (1259) b. Nov. 11, 1923.
B—Donald Ervin (1260) b. Aug. 14, 1926.

Wilber (*1237 above*) m. Mary (Mazie) Arledge. Res. Salt Creek Tp.

Children

1 Goldie (1261) b. Sept. 25, 1899; m. G. Conrad.
2 Noah C. (1262) b. July 21, 1901; d. Feb. 1, 1902.
3 Freddie James (1263) b. Jan. 5, 1903.
4 Hazel E. (1264) b. Apr. 16, 1905; m. John Arledge, Lancaster, O.
5 Ethel May (1265) b. May 29, 1907; Unm.
6 Dorothy (1266) Unm.

Albert (*1241 above*) m. Catherine Congrove. Res. Laurelville, O.

Children

1 Mary (1267) b. July 17, 1903.
2 James R. (1268) b. Aug. 12, 1899.
3 George (1269).
4 Rufus (1270).
5 Leona (1271) m. Andrew Hedges, Amanda, O.
6 Alfred (1272).
7 Nellie (1273); m. Luther Reid, Lancaster, O.
8 Martha (1274); m. Clarence Foulk, New London, O.
9 Leslie (1275); m. Alice Collins, Lancaster, O.
10 Ralph (1276); Unm.
11 Helen (1277); m. Alfred Sharp, Amanda, O.
12 Eugene (1278); Unm.

Rufus Bingham (*1243 above*) m. Rose Congrove. Res. Amanda, O.

Children

1 Loring (1279) b. Jan. 29, 1901. Unm.
2 Claude (1280) b. Jan. 12, 1902.
3 Nolen (1281) Unm.
4 Tressa (1282) m. Russell Bowers. Res. Amanda, O.

Children

A—Wayne. B—Ruby. C—Ruth. D—Rosemary.

5 Minard (1283) m. Ada Stout. Res. Lancaster, O.
6 Wayne (1284) Unm.
7 Dayton (1285) Unm.
8 Florence (1286) m. Alvin Blue. Res. California. 2 ch.
9 Ruth (1287).
10 Dana (1288) Unm.

With members of the VanFossen family numbering many hundreds and often using the same family names in these two counties, it is impossible to place them all correctly in their respective family units. Mistakes would certainly be made which would throw future researchers off the true genealogical track. Therefore it is thought best not to attempt to place individuals whose family connections are not known to a certainty.

John VF, (1045 above) b. about 1778. Came into Tuscarawas County in early days. He m. Sarah Crooks and d. in Oxford Tp. May 22, 1877, aged 99 years. From meagre family records it seems probable that he had at least two sons: George (1289) of Tuscarawas County and Benjamin (1290) who removed to Iowa about 1853. Both were b. in Belmont Co. according to family records.

George (1289) m. Mar. 13, 1853, Barbara Simmerman, dau. of Jacob Simmerman, who took up a grant of 80 acres of land in Tuscarawas County near Peoli, from President Andrew Jackson in 1831. Tuscarawas County death records state that George d. "Oct. 21, 1890, aged 59 y." With the record of his marriage to Barbara Simmerman is a note: "George VF d. Oct. 22, 1891." His tombstone is inscribed "Born 1819; died 1890." Thus neither the date of his death nor his age is certain. He died of typhoid and is buried at Wesley Chapel Cem. Peoli, O. "Barbara Ann VanFossen died in Washington Tp., Nov. 8, 1912, aged 79 y. 5 m. 3 d. Father Jacob Simmerman. Place of birth unknown." Tuscarawas Co. Death Record.

Children

1 Anna Maria (1291) b. Dec. 28, 1849 in Washington Tp. ; m. July 3, 1873 at Antrim, O., John Milton Dixon. She d. June 17, 1934. Bur. Greenwood Cem., Zanesville, O.

Children

A—Nora Alavan, b. Apr. 25, 1874; m. Charles Beall.
B—Walter Scott, b. Mar. 17, 1876; m. Elizabeth Leiper, New Concord, O.
C—Galen Morthem, b. Oct. 6, 1879; m. Alice Rouett, Trinway, Ohio.
D—Albert Milton, b. Feb. 7, 1883; m. Leah White, Troy, O.
E—Charles William, b. June 25, 1885; m. Elsie Mae Jones, Fairmount, W. Va.
F—Anna Margaret, b. Sept. 28, 1888; m. Ralph Wendall, Zanesville, O.

2 Joseph S. (1292) m. (1) Oct. 20, 1875, Sinthy Ann Kimble.

Children

A—George Francis (1293) b. Dec. 9, 1880. Res. Adams, Neb.
B—Charles (1294). Res. Newcomerstown, O.
C—Wilbur.

Joseph S. m. (2) Feb. 1, 1885, Hattie B. Shaw in Guernsey Co., O.
D—Mabel S. (1295) b. Jan. 11, 1891 in Washington Tp.
E—Nellie (1296) Mabel and Nellie m. twin brothers,——— Doyle.

"Hattie VF, housewife, d. Nov. 5, 1894, aged 32 years," in Washington Tp.

3 Samantha (1297) m. Reuben Morris.
4 Jasper (1298) m. Clara Peoples. He d. Oct. 20, 1931, aged 71 y. 6 months.

Children

A—Iva Peoples (1299) b. June 16, 1884.

5 Basil (1300) b. May 7, 1869; d. Oct. 7, 1891, aged 20 y.

Benjamin (1290 above) b. July 4, 1817; m. May 7, 1848 Julia Ann E. Matheny in Tuscarawas Co. They removed to Iowa in 1853, and located at Toddville, a few miles north of Cedar Rapids. He d. Jan 28, 1884, aged 67 y. Bur. Center Point, Iowa.

Children

1 John Adam (1301) b. Apr. 21, 1849. Tus'was Co.
2 Peter George Washington (1302) b. Apr. 20, 1851, Tus'was Co.
3 Elizabeth (1303) m. Edd Butterfield.
4 Nancy Ellen (1304) m. William Secrist, Marion, Iowa.
5 James R. (1305)* "Killed himself when a young man trying to lift a horse power."
6 Jacob Stephen (1306).
7 Martha Jane (1307) m. Arthur Butterfield.

John Adam (1301 above) m. Dec. 7, 1876 at Lisbon, Iowa, Amanda Catherine Bittle, b. Apr. 23, 1855 at Pottsville, Pa.

*Mill stones were sometimes called "horse powers."

Children

1 Matie Belle (1308) b. Mar. 7, 1879, Marion, Ia.; m. Sept. 25, 1901, William L. Peiper.

Children

A—Esther Naomi, b. Feb. 22, 1903; m. ——— Pfantz.
B—William Derle, b. Feb. 21, 1905.
C—Loren LaVerne, b. Aug. 24, 1909.
D—Kathryn Arline, b. Apr. 3, 1911; m. ——— Rebec.
E—Harriet Sue, b. Sept. 22, 1914; m. ——— McQuown.

2 Ella Grace (1309) b. Mar. 26, 1882; m. ——— Ackenbach. Res. Chicago, Ill., 5 ch.

3 John Raymond (1310) b. Oct. 6, 1883. Res. Washington, D.C. 3 ch.

4 Archie Lee (1311) b. Dec. 29, 1885. Res. Lisbon, Ia., 5 ch.

5 Florinda (1312) b. Sept. 26, 1889; m. ——— Argotsinger. Res. Lisbon, Ia. 2 ch.

6 Howard Edgar (1313) b. Feb. 10, 1893. Res. Los Angeles, Cal.

Chapter XVII

DESCENDANTS OF LEONARD "OF SKIPPACK AND PERKIOMEN TOWNSHIP," SON OF EMIGRANT ARNOLD

Leonard (*7 above*) son of the Emigrant Arnold, was of age in 1746, for in that year he was chosen an executor by Johannes Ben (John Been). He signed himself "Linard Van-Fossen of Skippack and Perkiomen." He had married Margaret ——— as we find by his will (292 M 517). He d. 1760, naming son Jacob and daughters Mary Elizabeth and Margaret. Arnold Zimmerman and wife were his executors. The property was adjacent to that of John VF, probably his brother who had married Elizabeth Bon, sister to Ann, wife of Conrad VF. The inventory showed law books, shoemaker tools, tanners tools, barking irons and fleshers, currying knives, carpenter tools, froe hatchet, saw and ax, kine—a cow and heifer, a mare and colt, and five sheep. He had been witness to the will of George Tuth, Nov. 4, 1741.

His wife Margaret died ten years later, having made her will on Nov. 5, 1770. Arnold Zimmerman was also her executor. The land was willed to the three daughters. Her son Jacob had d. in 1769.

Children of Leonard and Margaret VF:

1 Jacob (1314).
2 Mary (1315).
3 Elizabeth (1316).
4 Margaret (1317).

Jacob (*1314 above*) m. Margaret ———. He d. 1769.

Children

1 Benjamin (1318).
2 Mary (1319).

Benjamin (*1318 above*) m. Fronica Yellis, who d. 1853, aged 87. He d. 1822, aged 64. Both bur. Towamencin Mennonite B. G.

Children

1 Matthias (1320); d. 1838.

2 Benjamin Jr. (1321)
*3 John (1322).
4 Margaret (1323).
5 Ann (1324).
6 Barbara (1325).
7 Eleanor (1326).

Benjamin Jr. (*1321 above*) m. Mary ———.

Children

1 Maria (1327) m. ——— Pyle.
2 William (1328).
3 Hiram (1329).
4 Joseph (1330).
5 Isaiah (1331).
(From Studies of Providence Families—Johnson, p. 121).

**John* (*1363*) b. June 24, 1780. It has not been established from what family he came. He m. Jane Ogin; d. Nov. 15, 1868.

Children

1 William (1332) b. Oct. 26, 1805.
2 Elizabeth (1333) b. Sept. 10, 1807.
3 Henry (1334) b. Dec. 23, 1808; m. Nov. 15, 1834, Mary H. Walker.
4 Jane (1335).
(From the Family Bible, owned by Mrs. Margaret R. Wurster, Williamsport, Pa.

William (*1332 above*) m. Dec. 11, 1828, Agnes Tompkins. Res. Slocum Tp. Luzerne Co. Pa. Bur. at Slocum Cem.

Children

1 Tompkins (1336).
2 Elizabeth (1337) b. Dec. 4, 1831; m. George Thompson. Res. Williamsport.

Children

A—William Henry. B—Anna Eliza, m. ———Baker.
C—John. D—Abbie Ann. E—Charles. F—George.

3 Agnes (1338) m. Henry Remaly. Res. Ottawa, Kan.

Children

A—George; B—Wilson; C—Mary, m. ——— Mulkey.

4 William Jr. (1339) b. Apr. 5, 1840.
5 Jonathan (1340).
6 John (1341).
7 Jane (1342) m. James Coogan; A dau. Josephine, Unm. Res. Wilkes Barre, Pa.

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*These two Johns might be the same man.

William Jr. (*1339 above*) m. (1) 1860, Olive Rosecrans. She d. 1865. Res. Williamsport, Pa.

Children

1 Philip H. (1343); d. aged 11 y.
2 Norman J. (1344) m. Ellen Kerin. Res. Braddock, Pa.

Children

A—Bertha M. (1345) m. William Everett.
B—William (1346) m. Marie ————. Res. Braddock, Pa.
Ch.: a—Cleovia (1347); b—William Jr. (1348).
C—Irene C. (1349) Unm. Res. Braddock, Pa.

3 Franklin E. (1350) m. Nora Kitchener. Res. Slocum, Pa.

Children

A—Agnes (1351) m. Gilbert Peters. Res. Wapwallopen, Pa.

Children

a—Etna; b—Jennie; c—Rachel; d—Marian; e—Gilbert.

B—Jennie (1352) Unm.
C—Mildred (1353) m. James Derby. Res. Wilkes Barre, Pa.

Children

a—Ruth; b—Edward; c—Gordon; d—Franklin.

4 Olive E. (1354).

William Jr. m. (2) July 4, 1870 at Watertown, Pa., Rebecca Ann Winner, b. Mar. 16, 1846 in Lycoming Co., Pa.

Children

5 Margaret Rebecca (1355) b. Nov. 30, 1882 at Montoursville, Pa. m. May 1, 1907 at Williamsport, Pa., Howard Payne Wurster.

Children

A—Lewis VanFossen, b. Feb. 27, 1908.
B—William Howard, b. Mar. 9, 1909.

6 Foster Herbert (1356) b. Aug. 20, 1885; m. Emma Hooker. No ch. William Jr. d. Sept. 24, 1912. Bur. Edgewood Cem., Williamsport, Pa.

John (*1341 above*) m. Dec. 26, 1867, Margaret Harman. Res. Williamsport, Pa.

Children

1 Stella (1357) m. Noah Miles. Res. Kittanning, Pa.

Children

A—Maude; m. Thomas Elgin, Kittanning.

2 Hannah (1358) m. Edwin P. Webber. Res. Petersburg, Va. No ch.
3 Maud (1359) m. Robert Blake. No ch.

Chapter XVIII

DESCENDANTS OF ADAM, SON OF THE EMIGRANT ARNOLD

Adam (*8 above*) son of the emigrant Arnold m. Catherine ————. He bought 150 acres in Worchester Tp. on May 8, 1720, in the sixth year of the reign of our sovereign Lord George, King of Great Britain. The price was £45—three acres for a pound. Some of this he soon sold at £10 per acre. (Deed Bk. 14,305). This tract is west of the Methacton Mennonite B. G. and extended to the Blue Ball Inn and Upper Fairview (Trucksess Corners). The house was north of Morgan's Tan Yard. (H 5, 477).

He made his will on March 6, 1765 (117, p 179) and it was proved on Nov. 27, 1771.

To Jacob Custer, all that plantation whereon I now dwelleth, situate in Worcester . . . . he paying £266.13s, 2p to my two sons-in-law, namely Henry Marsteller and Herman Custer...£133.6s. 8p each.

To my well beloved wife Catharine VF, all my household goods and furniture . . . . and the whole third part of the other personal estate. The whole use of house and garden with sufficient dung for the same as often as she will require it, to be delivered by my said son-in-law, Jacob Custer.

The residue to be divided among my three sons-in-law, namely Henry Marsteller, Herman Custer, and Jacob Custer during the natural lives of either of their wives, named Barbara the eldest, Eve the second, and Elizabeth the youngest . . . . Signed: Adam VanFossen. Executors: Catharine VanFossen, H. Marsteller. Witnesses: John Pennebacker, Malchior Wagener.

The inventory of his personal property made by the same witnesses included "Wearing apparel, Books, Cash, Bonds, Bed Curtain, 4 Table Cloths, 3 hand towels, 2 wallets, 1½ yds. of Flaxen Linnen and 3 yds. of Toe, 6½ yds. linnen for a feather case, pieces of drugget, a hone and rasors, old stilliards, a gun, powder horn and shott bags, 6 Trenchers, 2 Bottles, a basket with sundries and spectacles, shoemaker tools and bench, an axe and ess hook, 4 chairs, a dresser, and Iron Pott, Tea Kettle and Brass Kettle, a gred iron, lazyboy, Pottrack pan, shovel and tongs, Delph ware,

Glasses, spicebox, Hammer, Tobacco Box, Lanthorne, candle stick, lamp and bottle."

Children of Adam and Catharine VF:

1 Barbara (1360) b. Apr. 7, 1731; baptized Nov. 28, 1753. Sponsors: Hans Jurg Boyer and wife Barbara and Maria Muhlenberg and Margaretha Weiser. Church record at Trappe: "Married Dec. 15, 1753, Henrich Marsteller, son of Frederick; and Barbara Vossin, daughter of Adam Vossin. Confirmed Mar. 30, 1755, Barbara Vossin, wife of Henrich Marsteller."

Children of Henrich and Barbara:

A—Henry; B—Daniel; C—Frederick; D—George; E—Elizabeth; F—Valentine; G—Philip. (Deed Bk. H-19, p 152)

Barbara d. Feb. 9, 1776, aged 40 y., 9 m., 3 w. She is bur. beside Peter Muhlenberg at Trappe.

2 Eve (1361) b. May 24, 1734; m. Herman Custer, b. Jan. 30, 1729. They lived in Worcester Tp. on land purchased from Peter VF Sept. 1, 1784. This land is just east of Upper Fairview on Isaac's Run. His whole estate at the time of his death comprised 240 A. Herman d. Jan. 26, 1800, intestate. Son Henry took the plantation and paid off the other heirs. Eve made her will Feb. 23, 1801. She d. Oct. 29, 1816. Both are bur. in Skippack Mennonite B. G. Eve left her silver watch to her dau. Catherine. The rest of her estate was given equally to her six children. Son Peter was deceased.

Children

A—Henry, b. Sept. 3, 1767; m. Dec. 9, 1802, Mary Zimmerman.
B—Levi, b. Mar. 8, 1770; m. Feb. 17, 1810, Elizabeth Zimmerman.
C—Cornelius, b. Nov. 1774; m. Feb. 10, 1803, Susanna Stover.
D—Catherine, b. Nov. 16, 1776.
E—Ann, b. 1777; m. Sept. 13, 1804, Philip Beck.
F—Mary (Polly); m. Mathias Brownback.
G—Peter; m. Margaret Shutt.

An inventory of the estate of Eve VF Custer is interesting by way of comparison with present day household possessions and current prices:

2 Rush bottom chairs	$ 16.50
A Tenplate Stove and pipes	
A doz. Pewter plates, 4 pewter dishes, candle mole & tankard	5.75
A Silver Watch (bequeather to Catharine)	20.00
A Bed, and long post Bedstead	12.00
6 handkerchiefs and 2 pare of shears	1.62½
3 table cloths, a pare of stockings & wallet, 4 sheets	10.00
6 pillow cases, a coverlid, 4 bags of cloath line and coverlid	13.50
2 Pete coats and short ground, 8 yds. red flannel, 4 sheets..	13.00
6¼ yds flaxen linnen	3.75
9¼ yds of ticken, 2 pillow cases, 2 aprons	11.50

1 Bed case and a pare of curtins and Box with thread	5.00
Bonds, Notes, Book Debts & Cash	2193.02½
	$2,350.02½

3 Elizabeth (1362) b. June 14, 1740; m. Apr. 17, 1760 by Rev. George Michael Weiss, New Goshenhoppen, Jacob Custer, b. Oct. 14, 1731, brother of Herman, her sister Eve's husband. They lived on the Adam VF plantation between Fairview Village and Upper Fairview. The property descended to their son, David. He d. Dec. 14, 1804. She d. Nov. 19, 1819. Both bur. in the old Mennonite B. G. near Skippack.

Children

A—Peter, b. Nov. 20, 1764; m. Rebecca Vanderslice.
B—Samuel; m. Sarah Hallman.
C—Joseph; m. Elizabeth ————.
D—Jacob, b. Aug. 15, 1778; m. Mary Gouldy, b. Oct. 17, 1788.
E—Catherine; F—Mary; G—Ann
H—Rebecca; m. Joseph Rittenhouse.

(Records in this chapter are from "Genealogical Studies of Some Providence Families"—Dr. Ralph Johnson.)

Doctor Johnson was a descendant of Conrad VanFossen on his father's side and of Adam VanFossen on his mother's side. He held the degree of Doctor of Science; was a professor at Girard College, Philadelphia; and lived at Upper Darby. A chart showing his line follows:

I Adam VF m. Catharine. Conrad VF m. Ankin Bon.
II Eve VF m. Herman Custer. Leonard VF m. Mary Tyson.
III Levi Custer m. Elizabeth Zimmerman. Jacob VF m. Elizabeth Been.
IV Catharine Custer m. Joseph Shrawder. Margaret VF m. David Johnson
V Elizabeth Shrawder m. Hophni VanFossen Johnson.
VI Ralph Linwood Johnson m. Cora B. Pennypacker.

Chapter XIX

MISCELLANEOUS SKETCHES

"THE DUTCH LORD"

One of the most romantic and intriguing figures to be found among the American VanFossens moved briefly across the pages of Virginia history in the eighteenth century. Joachim F. VanFerson or VanVaison—"The Dutch Lord"—truly a man of mystery. The entry book of Thomas Lewis, surveyor of Augusta County, Virginia shows that in 1763-1768 two entries of 400 acres of land were made by Joachim VF. In 1769, according to Survey Book No. 1 of the Augusta County records, a patent for 1,000 acres between the head branches of Cook's Creek, Smith Creek, and Cub Run was granted him. This places his property about seven miles northeast of Harrisonburg, Rockingham Co. Nothing of his earlier history is known. (Va. Hist. Mag. v 34, p. 69.)

Joaken (Joachim) Vanferson to Dan Smith and Felix Gilbert, Power of Attorney, to sell 1,000 acres whereon Joaken now lives, Sept. 14, 1773. (Deed Bk. 20, p 397; Chalkley, v 3, p 540.)

The account book of Felix Gilbert, merchant at Cross Roads, Rockingham Co. now owned by John T. Harris of Harrisonburg, shows that an individual called "The Dutch Lord" was living in Augusta County, or that general neighborhood in 1774. The Court Order Book of Rockingham Co. for 1785-6 shows that the heirs of VanVaison then lived in Wilkes Co., Georgia. Felix Gilbert was his executor and VanVaison was called the "Dutch Lord" in the Court Order. (Va. Hist. Mag. v 34, p 69.)

Records also show that Snyder Crosby and John Talbot, J. P.s of Wilkes Co., Ga. signed, and the July Court 1791, Rockingham Co., ordered the deed recorded. The land was sold to Jonathan Shipman of the same county. (Deed Bk. O, p 471.)

Your editor visited Rockingham Co. Court House and searched the records but no further information was found.

CHURCH IN TRAPPE, PA.

Nestled in the little town of Trappe, Upper Providence township, Montgomery County, Pennsylvania is the oldest unaltered Lutheran Church in America, where Rev Heinrich (Henry) Muhlenberg "fathered" American Lutheranism. The church, hexagonal at one end, was built under the supervision of the Rev. Muhlenberg, who had arrived from Germany several months before.

The life of the Trappe congregation dates back to 1730. Before the public school system of Pennsylvania was inaugurated, the congregation maintained a school which served the community for 103 years. General Washington visited the church at least once during the Revolutionary War when sick and dying soldiers were being cared for there.

During the War the congregation was torn between its patriotism and its traditional religious belief that all force and violence for any cause was wrong. One Sabbath morning Rev. Muhlenberg, the pastor, rose before the congregation attired in his customary churchly vestments, and in the course of his sermon spoke the historic words:

"There is a time for war and a time for peace, but now is the time to fight."

Throwing off his robes, he stood forth in the uniform of the Continental Army. One of his sons, General Peter Muhlenberg, was the man for whom Muhlenberg College at Allentown, Pa. was named. (United Press, Columbus Citizen, Aug. 9, 1935.)

The VF family helped found this church. Many of the second, third and fourth generations attended its services. Here they were baptized. When they grew up, they came here to be married. And when they died, they were laid to rest in the church yard.

JUDGE HEARS MELLON CASE

News Story, 1935:

"A major battle on the income tax front is approaching, with Pittsburgh the scene of action, when three members of the Board of Tax Appeals will decide whether Andrew W. Mellon will collect $139,045 as overpayment of his income levy, or pay $3,075,103 to Uncle Sam for

alleged evasion and penalties. Heading government counsel in the fight is Robert Jackson with Frank J. Hogan of Teapot Dome war fame, defending Mellon. An Ohio Republican, Judge Ernest H. VanFossan will preside at the hearings."

An Associated Press report from Pittsburgh on February 26, 1935 said:

An attempt by government counsel to show Andrew W. Mellon, while serving as secretary of the treasury, purchased stocks offered on the so-called J. P. Morgan "preferred list" late in 1929, was overruled today by Ernest H. VanFossan, chairman of the board of tax appeals.

MASTER FARMER

"The Ohio Farmer," April 27, 1935, carried a story about Jesse E. VanFossen, "master farmer," written by L. L. Rummell, who said:

Few are the Master Farmers who follow general farming, that is, diversified interests in crop production and livestock husbandry. Nearly all are specialists in some particular phase of farming. Some will say the general farm is safer year in and year out, and yet to be eminently successful it does require more skill because one's talents must be diversified.

Into this class of general farmers falls one of the Master Farmers of 1934, namely Jesse E. VanFossen of Licking County. He operates a farm of 288 acres with a specialty of certified seed, hybrid corn and legumes, and yet has a well-balanced livestock program with about 500 sheep, nine milk cows and 130 hogs, as was as 900 laying hens. And he is doing a good job in every one of these lines.

He operates the ancestral homestead. Three generations have been born here in this house 70 years old. He himself came to operate the farm 21 years ago. Since that time he has made many changes not only in appearance but also in cultural practices. One woodlot has been cleared and there this year grew the tallest corn on the farm. In another field was a great swampy area, and there this year was mammoth hybrid corn and luxuriant alfalfa. One year the owner made the 100-Bushel Corn Club of Ohio with this field, averaging 112 bushels on 10 acres.

"Successful Farming," in November 1942 carried this story:

"Who do you consider the best corn grower in Ohio?" I asked a group of crop specialists as we ate together at the International Crop Improvement Association banquet a year ago. "That is not a fair question, for Ohio is full of good corn men," was the reply. All agreed, however, that on any list you might compile the name of Jess E. VanFossen, Licking County, would stand near the top.

Mr. VanFossen is a farmer by choice, which also holds true for his

three partners: Sons William, 27; Glen, 25; and Dan, 23. Only seven years old when his father moved into Croton from the farm which Jess' grandfather cleared from the timber in 1851, Jess retained his interest in the old home place. Where he was married in 1913, he insisted upon returning in spite of the advice of his father, who felt that the farm had been so run down by 14 years of renting no one could make a success of it.

Today that original 288 acres is highly productive, thanks to a consistent farming practice aimed at building up productivity, as well as at making a living for the growing family.

DISTINGUISHED SERVICE

From the Fifth AAF in Italy comes this news story:

FIFTH AAF IN ITALY—Sergeant Earl A. VanFossen, 152 Waverly Street, Staunton, Va., cook, has been awarded the Distinguished Unit badge and one bronze cluster as a member of a veteran B-24 Liberator bomb group which twice has been cited by the President of the United States for "outstanding performance of duty in armed conflict with the enemy."

Commanded by Col. Robert E. L. Eaton, Belleville, Ill., the group received its original gold rimmed blue ribbon for an attack on the Prufening aircraft factory at Regensburg, Germany, Feb. 25. The cluster was added for a mission over the Ploesti, Romania, oil refineries April 5.

ADVENTURE ON THE AMAZON

"ARMY BOMBER CREW AT HOME BASE AFTER ADVENTURES IN TROPICS" was the headline of a story in the Charlotte (N. C.) News, during World War II. Here is the story:

Tampa Fla.—(AP)—After a forced landing on an island in Brazil's Amazon River, and four months of adventure and hardship in the tropics, eight members of an Army bomber crew have returned safely to their home base here. The plane, floated down the Amazon on a raft and repaired, also has been brought back to MacDill Field. The eight crew members, who left here Jan. 26, came back a few days ago, and the story of the adventure was released by the Public Relations Office yesterday.

Flying along the coast of Brazil, the bomber ran into a violent storm and was forced to land on a large island in the river's mouth. The crew radioed for help. In three days a rescue plane took off six of the men, leaving two to guard the ship. The two guards remained on duty for two weeks, subsisting on fruits brought them by natives until their mates returned by boat. For six more weeks they guarded the plane, then salvage operations were started under the direction of two American engineers.

With the help of natives, the plane was skidded from its muddy resting place, taxied to a bank of the Amazon, and then placed on a barge

and towed to Belem—the nearest town. After a test hop, it brought the men back except Lt. W. O. Veins of Miami, navigator, who was sent back earlier for an appendicitis operation.

Sergeant R. S. VanFossen of West Elizabeth, Pa., the bombardier, acted as navigator. Other crew members were: Lt. R. A. Ward, Lt. J. O. Thompson, Sgt. C. L. Moran, Pvt. S. B. Hess, Pvt. F. G. Murnin, and Pvt. A. V. Egerland.

BONUS BABY

Another story of World War II:

When J. N. Kafarise, Los Angeles express company executive, offered a bonus of $100 for every baby born in the families of his employees, Mr. and Mrs. W. B. VanFossen were the first to receive the money.

SHOTGUN TRAP

From Lancaster, Ohio, Jan. 9, 1935:

Night after night the proprietor of the VanFossen general store at Oakland near here, set a shotgun trap at the door to blast any burglar who invaded his place of business. Last night he wearied of such painstaking precaution and discarded the trap. Burglars unlocked the door with a skeleton key and carried off the contents of the cash register. Van Fossen has put his shotgun trap to work again.

THAD, THE WOODSMAN

"Thad's Gone, But Legend of Duck Creek Lives On" was the title of the following newspaper article:

They dug a grave behind the Crum's Ridge meeting house the other day for a man named George B. VanFossen, the "Marietta (Ohio) Times" reported, but few people knew whose obituary it was. It was Thad's.

"Old Thad," as he called himself, was the last of our woodsmen. He lived in a hill cabin in the woods up where the winds begin. Thad was still in his vigor then—the legendary figure of Dillehay Holler. He kept a hound. He had many guns. He hunted and fished. He had blue eyes with a far-away look in them.

Thad came down from the hills to buy bread at Shep Rucker's grocery once each week. In summer he wore a big straw hat, rough woven, with a heavy brown shoestring for a band.

"Give me six loaves," Thad would say, "One for Old Thad and five for the hound." Thad tried to put a humorous twist on everything he said. There was much fun in him. His claim to fame, at least in the three valleys of Duck Creek, was that ice never froze solid enough to support him. "No diff'rence if the crick would freeze solid plumb to the bottom

old Thad would get his feet wet, somehow," he once told me. "On t'other Fork a hard winter back several years, froze the crick solid. Bill Mallett hauled fodder across the ice on a sled with two horses. For Bill's team, that crick was jus' as solid footin' as the big road. That night I decided to cross over. I started across the ice in the same place Bill had been a-haulin' fodde', mind-ya. And b'gorshens, ef I didn't break through clean up to my waist."

Thad never said "coon" or "raccoon"—it always was "ringtail." He slept day time during hunting season. We always stopped at Thad's cabin during a night hunt. Usually traded guns before we left. Many boys bragged that they had traded weapons with Thad "at the dead hour of midnight." Thad's hill cabin was crude but handy. He burned coal in his fireplace. There was a coal bank in the slope behind the house. He would dig a wheelbarrow load, then wheel it right in on the hearth.

The holler was cool in summer for Thad could make the wind blow anytime he wished.

"It can be jus' as still as death, 'thout the breeze turnin' a leaf, and jus' as soon as I go out on the porch an set down in the rocker to read the paper, the wind starts blowin' so tarnation hard, it blows the paper right out of my hand," he said.

In his younger days, Thad hunted bee trees, I have been told. But he didn't go to the wood. First he went to a clover patch and inspected bees until he found a right pert one. Than with his eyes (they were that good) he followed the bee to the tree. He had been a whiz at seining fish. We always took Thad—for he was good luck. My father once told me "Thad is the only man I know who does exactly what he wants to do."

The last time I saw Thad he didn't know me. "Wouldn't have knowed you from a side of sole leather," he said. "Don't have no dog now. I like a dog, but can't get out to hunt any. Old legs won't stand me. Too dear to board and buy a license for a dog jus' to look at."

Thad then told me his name was George, "But b'gorsh, I like Thad better. When they say 'George', I look around to see what George they mean." "Mr. VanFossen" was out of the question. "A man's got no right to be called mister till after he's married," Thad said. And they buried him a bachelor. He had been a single man for over 80 years.

—Ben Hayes in the Columbus ~~Dispatch~~ Citizen, Feb. 5, 1947.

Q. Was Dr. Allan Roy Dafoe a French-Canadian like the quintuplets whom he helped deliver

A. No. He was a British-Canadian of Flemish-Dutch origin. His mother's maiden name was VanDeusen, and the name Dafoe was a Canadi variant of the Dutch name DeVos (see p 16). His ancestors left the U.S. and settled in Canada at the time of the Revolutionary war because of their loyalist sympathies.

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